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Polynucleotides encoding human CTLA-8 and related proteins are disclosed. Human CTLA-8 proteins and methods for their production are also disclosed. Methods of treatment using human CTLA-8 proteins, rat CTLA-8 proteins and herpesvirus herpes CTLA-8 proteins are also provided.			

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HUMAN CTLA-8 AND USES OF CTLA-8-RELATED PROTEINS

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/504,032, filed July 19, 1995, and a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/514,014, filed August 11, 1995.

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to human CTLA-8 proteins, nucleic acids encoding such proteins, methods of treatment using such proteins. The invention also relates to the use of rat CTLA-8 proteins and herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13 proteins in methods of treatment.

10 Background of the Invention

Cytokines are secreted proteins which act on specific hematopoietic target cells to cause a differentiation event or on other target cells to induce a particular physiological response, such as secretion of proteins characteristic of inflammation. Cytokines, also variously known as lymphokines, hematopoietins, interleukins, colony 15 stimulating factors, and the like, can be important therapeutic agents, especially for diseases or conditions in which a specific cell population is depleted. For example, erythropoietin, G-CSF, and GM-CSF, have all become important for treatment of anemia and leukopenia, respectively. Other cytokines such as interleukin-3, interleukin-6, interleukin-11 and interleukin-12 show promise in treatment of 20 conditions such as thrombocytopenia and modulation of immune response.

For these reasons a significant research effort has been expended in searching for novel cytokines and cloning the DNAs which encode them. In the past, novel cytokines were identified by assaying a particular cell such as a bone marrow cell, for a measurable response, such as proliferation. The search for novel cytokines has thus been limited by the assays available, and if a novel cytokine has an activity which is unmeasurable by a known assay, the cytokine remains undetectable. In a newer 5 approach, cDNAs encoding cytokines have been detected using the polymerase chain

reaction (PCR) and oligonucleotide primers having homology to shared motifs of known cytokines or their receptors. The PCR approach is also limited by the necessity for knowledge of previously cloned cytokines in the same protein family. Cytokines have also been cloned using subtractive hybridization to construct and screen cDNA libraries, or they can potentially be cloned using PCR followed by gel electrophoresis to detect differentially expressed genes. The subtractive hybridization methods are based on the assumption that cytokine mRNAs are those that are differentially expressed, and these methods do not require any prior knowledge of the sequence of interest. However, many cytokines may be encoded by mRNAs which are not differentially expressed, and thus are undetectable using these methods.

10 It would be desirable to develop new methods for identifying novel cytokines and other secreted factors and to isolate polynucleotides encoding them.

Summary of the Invention

15 In developing the present invention, methods were employed which selectively identify polynucleotides which encode secreted proteins. One such polynucleotide was isolated which encodes "human CTLA-8." In accordance with the present invention, polynucleotides encoding human CTLA-8 and active fragments thereof are disclosed. "CTLA-8" is used throughout the present specification to refer to both 20 proteins and polynucleotides encoding those proteins and to refer to proteins and polynucleotides from all mammalian species.

In certain embodiments, the present invention provides an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

25 (a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 146 to nucleotide 544;

(b) a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to a nucleic acid sequence specified in (a);

(c) a nucleotide sequence varying from the sequence of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a) as a result of degeneracy of the genetic code; and

30 (d) an allelic variant of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a).

Preferably, the polynucleotide of the invention encodes a protein having CTLA-8 activity. In other embodiments the polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence. In other preferred embodiments, the polynucleotide is contained in a vector suitable for *in vivo* expression in a mammalian subject. Polynucleotides comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 55 to nucleotide 544, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 139 to nucleotide 544 or the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544 are particularly preferred.

Host cells transformed with the polynucleotides of the invention are also provided, including mammalian cells.

Processes are also provided for producing a human CTLA-8 protein, said processes comprising:

- (a) growing a culture of the host cell of the invention in a suitable culture medium; and
- 15 (b) purifying the human CTLA-8 protein from the culture.

Isolated human CTLA-8 protein is also provided which comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 11 to 163;
- 20 (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 29 to 163;
- (d) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 31 to 163;
- and
- (e) fragments of (a), (b), (c) or (d) having CTLA-8 activity.

25 Proteins comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and comprising the sequence from amino acids 29 to 163, from amino acid 31 to 163, or from amino acids 11 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2 are particularly preferred. Preferably, the protein has CTLA-8 activity. Pharmaceuticals composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier are also provided.

30 Compositions are also disclosed which comprise an antibody which specifically reacts with a human CTLA-8 protein of the invention.

Methods of treating a mammalian subject are also provided which comprise administering a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein.

5 Rat CTLA-8 and active (*i.e.*, having CTLA-8 activity) fragments thereof may also be used in such methods of treatment. Preferably the rat protein is administered as a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150; and
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

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Herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13, referred to herein as "herpes CTLA-8", and active (*i.e.*, having CTLA-8 activity) fragments thereof and active fragments thereof may also be used in such methods of treatment. Preferably the herpes CTLA-8 protein is administered as a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151; and
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

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The invention also provides a method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and IL-17 or an active fragment thereof.

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In methods of treatment provided by the present invention, preferably the subject is treated to produce an effect selected from the group consisting of inhibition of angiogenesis, inhibition of growth or proliferation of vascular endothelial cells, inhibition of tumor growth, inhibition of angiogenesis-dependent tissue growth, proliferation of myeloid cells or progenitors, proliferation of erythroid cells or progenitors, proliferation of lymphoid cells or progenitors, induction of IFN γ production, induction of IL-3 production and induction of GM-CSF production.

Brief Description of the Figures

Fig. 1 is a comparison of homologous regions of the amino acid sequences of human CTLA-8 (indicated as "B18_F1"), rat CTLA-8 (indicated as "Musctla8") and herpes CTLA-8 (indicated as "Hsvie_2").

5 Fig. 2 depicts autoradiographs demonstrating expression of human CTLA-8 in COS cells.

Fig. 3 presents data relating to the ability of human CTLA-8 to inhibit angiogenesis.

10 Figs. 4 and 5 present data relating to the ability of human CTLA-8 to produce or induce hematopoietic activity.

Figs. 6 and 7 present data demonstrating the ability of human CTLA-8 to induce production of IL-6 and IL-8.

Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

15 The inventors of the present application have identified and provided a polynucleotide encoding a human CTLA-8 protein. SEQ ID NO:1 provides the nucleotide sequence of a cDNA encoding the human CTLA-8 protein. SEQ ID NO:2 provides the amino acid sequence of the human CTLA-8 protein. Alternatively, the initiating methionine may be at amino acid 11 of SEQ ID NO:2. On the basis of 20 amino terminal sequencing, the mature protein sequence is believed to begin at amino acid 31 of SEQ ID NO:2 (encoded by the sequence beginning with nucleotide 146 of SEQ ID NO:1).

25 The region from amino acid 29 to amino acid 163 of human CTLA-8 (SEQ ID NO:2) shows marked homology to portions of rat CTLA-8 (amino acids 18 to 150 of SEQ ID NO:4) and herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13 ("herpes CTLA-8") (amino acids 19 to 151 of SEQ ID NO:5). A cDNA sequence encoding rat CTLA-8 is listed at SEQ ID NO:3 and its corresponding amino acid sequence is reported at SEQ ID NO:4. A cDNA sequence encoding herpes CTLA-8 is listed at SEQ ID NO:5 and its corresponding amino acid sequence is reported at SEQ ID NO:6. Homology between 30 rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 was reported by Rouvier et al., J. Immunol. 1993, 150, 5445-5456.

Applicants had previously incorrectly identified the rat sequences of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4 as applying to murine CTLA-8. Applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) does also show homology to the true murine CTLA-8 sequence.

5 Golstein et al. (WO95/18826; Fossiez et al., Microbial Evasion and Subversion of Immunity 544:3222 (Abstract)) have also reported a species they initially identified as "human CTLA-8." However, examination of the sequence of the Golstein et al. species and the human CTLA-8 (B18) sequence of the present invention readily reveals that they are two different proteins, although they are homologous with each other and with the rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 identified herein. The Golstein et al. species has now been renamed as interleukin-17 (IL-17). Because of the homology between applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) and IL-17, these proteins are 10 expected to share some activities.

15 It has also been preliminarily determined that human CTLA-8 (B18) forms homodimers when expressed. As a result, human CTLA-8 proteins may possess activity in either monomeric or dimeric forms. Human CTLA-8 proteins can also be produced as heterodimers with rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins and with human IL-17. These heterodimers are also expected to have activities of the proteins of which they are comprised.

20 Forms of human CTLA-8 protein of less than full length are encompassed within the present invention and may be produced by expressing a corresponding fragment of the polynucleotide encoding the human CTLA-8 protein (SEQ ID NO:1). These corresponding polynucleotide fragments are also part of the present invention. Modified polynucleotides as described above may be made by standard molecular biology techniques, including site-directed mutagenesis methods which are known in 25 the art or by the polymerase chain reaction using appropriate oligonucleotide primers.

30 For the purposes of the present invention, a protein has "CTLA-8 activity" if it either (1) displays biological activity in a factor-dependent cell proliferation assay (preferably an assay in which full-length the corresponding species full-length CTLA-8 is active) (including without limitation those assays described below), or (2) induces expression or secretion of γ -IFN, or (3) displays chemoattractant of chemotactic activity in a chemoattraction or chemotaxis assay (preferably as assay in which full-

length the corresponding species full-length CTLA-8 is active) or (4) induces expression of secretion of IL-3 or GM-CSF.

Human CTLA-8 protein or fragments thereof having CTLA-8 activity may be fused to carrier molecules such as immunoglobulins. For example, human CTLA-8 protein may be fused through "linker" sequences to the Fc portion of an immunoglobulin.

The invention also encompasses allelic variations of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, that is, naturally-occurring alternative forms of the isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1 which also encode human CTLA-8 or CTLA-8 proteins having CTLA-8 activity. Also included in the invention are isolated polynucleotides which hybridize to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 under highly stringent (0.2xSSC at 65°C), stringent (e.g. 4xSSC at 65°C or 50% formamide and 4xSSC at 42°C), or relaxed (4xSSC at 50°C or 30-40% formamide and 4xSSC at 42°C) conditions. Isolated polynucleotides which encode human CTLA-8 protein but which differ from the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 by virtue of the degeneracy of the genetic code are also encompassed by the present invention. Variations in the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 which are caused by point mutations or by induced modifications which enhance CTLA-8 activity, half-life or production level are also included in the invention.

The isolated polynucleotides of the invention may be operably linked to an expression control sequence such as the pMT2 or pED expression vectors disclosed in Kaufman et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19, 4485-4490 (1991), in order to produce the CTLA-8 protein recombinantly. Many suitable expression control sequences are known in the art. General methods of expressing recombinant proteins are also known and are exemplified in R. Kaufman, *Methods in Enzymology* 185, 537-566 (1990). As defined herein "operably linked" means enzymatically or chemically ligated to form a covalent bond between the isolated polynucleotide of the invention and the expression control sequence, in such a way that the CTLA-8 protein is expressed by a host cell which has been transformed (transfected) with the ligated polynucleotide/expression control sequence.

A number of types of cells may act as suitable host cells for expression of the human CTLA-8 protein. Any cell type capable of expressing functional human CTLA-8 protein may be used. Suitable mammalian host cells include, for example, monkey COS cells, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells, human kidney 293 cells, 5 human epidermal A431 cells, human Colo205 cells, 3T3 cells, CV-1 cells, other transformed primate cell lines, normal diploid cells, cell strains derived from in vitro culture of primary tissue, primary explants, HeLa cells, mouse L cells, BHK, HL-60, U937, HaK, Rat2, BaF3, 32D, FDCP-1, PC12 or C2C12 cells.

10 The human CTLA-8 protein may also be produced by operably linking the isolated polynucleotide of the invention to suitable control sequences in one or more insect expression vectors, and employing an insect expression system. Materials and methods for baculovirus/insect cell expression systems are commercially available in kit form from, e.g., Invitrogen, San Diego, California, U.S.A. (the MaxBac® kit), and such methods are well known in the art, as described in Summers and Smith, Texas
15 Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1555 (1987), incorporated herein by reference. Soluble forms of the human CTLA-8 protein may also be produced in insect cells using appropriate isolated polynucleotides as described above.

20 Alternatively, the human CTLA-8 protein may be produced in lower eukaryotes such as yeast or in prokaryotes such as bacteria. Suitable yeast strains include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Kluyveromyces* strains, *Candida*, or any yeast strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins. Suitable bacterial strains include *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, or any bacterial strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins.

25 The human CTLA-8 protein of the invention may also be expressed as a product of transgenic animals, e.g., as a component of the milk of transgenic cows, goats, pigs, or sheep which are characterized by somatic or germ cells containing a polynucleotide sequence encoding the human CTLA-8 protein.

30 The human CTLA-8 protein of the invention may be prepared by growing a culture of transformed host cells under culture conditions necessary to express the desired protein. The resulting expressed protein may then be purified from the culture medium or cell extracts. Soluble forms of the human CTLA-8 protein of the invention

can be purified from conditioned media. Membrane-bound forms of human CTLA-8 protein of the invention can be purified by preparing a total membrane fraction from the expressing cell and extracting the membranes with a non-ionic detergent such as Triton X-100.

5 The human CTLA-8 protein can be purified using methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, the human CTLA-8 protein of the invention can be concentrated using a commercially available protein concentration filter, for example, an Amicon or Millipore Pellicon ultrafiltration unit. Following the concentration step, the concentrate can be applied to a purification matrix such as a gel filtration medium.

10 Alternatively, an anion exchange resin can be employed, for example, a matrix or substrate having pendant diethylaminoethyl (DEAE) groups. The matrices can be acrylamide, agarose, dextran, cellulose or other types commonly employed in protein purification. Alternatively, a cation exchange step can be employed. Suitable cation exchangers include various insoluble matrices comprising sulfopropyl or

15 carboxymethyl groups. Sulfopropyl groups are preferred (e.g., S-Sepharose® columns). The purification of the human CTLA-8 protein from culture supernatant may also include one or more column steps over such affinity resins as concanavalin A-agarose, heparin-toyopearl® or Cibacrom blue 3GA Sepharose®; or by hydrophobic interaction chromatography using such resins as phenyl ether, butyl ether, or propyl ether; or by immunoaffinity chromatography. Finally, one or more reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) steps employing hydrophobic RP-HPLC media, e.g., silica gel having pendant methyl or other aliphatic groups, can be employed to further purify the human CTLA-8 protein. Some or all of the foregoing purification steps, in various combinations or with other known methods, can also be employed to provide a substantially purified isolated

20 recombinant protein.

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Preferably, the human CTLA-8 protein is purified so that it is substantially free of other mammalian proteins.

It is believed that human CTLA-8, active fragments and variants thereof, and

30 CTLA-8 related proteins (such as, for example, rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8) (collectively "CTLA-8 proteins") possess or induce cytokine activities. Human

5 CTLA-8 expression correlated with γ -IFN expression in induced primary cells and can induce the expression of IL-3 and/or GM-CSF, which expression can in turn produce effects associated with the induced cytokine. Therefore, human CTLA-8 and CTLA-8 related proteins may have an effect on proliferation or function of myeloid cells, erythroid cells, lymphoid cells and their progenitors. Human CTLA-8 proteins may also play a role in formation of platelets or their progenitors.

10 A protein of the present invention may exhibit cytokine, cell proliferation (either inducing or inhibiting) or cell differentiation (either inducing or inhibiting) activity or may induce production of other cytokines in certain cell populations. Many protein factors discovered to date, including all known cytokines, have exhibited activity in one or more factor dependent cell proliferation assays, and hence the assays serve as a convenient confirmation of cytokine activity. The activity of a protein of the present invention is evidenced by any one of a number of routine factor dependent cell proliferation assays for cell lines including, without limitation, 32D, DA2, DA1G, 15 T10, B9, B9/11, BaF3, MC9/G, M+ (preB M+), 2E8, RB5, DA1, 123, T1165, HT2, CTLL2, TF-1, Mo7e and CMK.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

20 Assays for T-cell or thymocyte proliferation include without limitation those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 145:1706-1712, 1990; 25 Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341, 1991; Bertagnolli, et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992; Bowman et al., J. Immunol. 152: 1756-1761, 1994.

30 Assays for cytokine production and/or proliferation of spleen cells, lymph node cells or thymocytes include, without limitation, those described in: Polyclonal T cell stimulation, Kruisbeek, A.M. and Shevach, E.M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.12.1-3.12.14, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994; and Measurement of mouse and human Interferon γ , Schreiber, R.D.

In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.8.1-6.8.8, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

Assays for proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic and lymphopoietic cells include, without limitation, those described in: Measurement of 5 Human and Murine Interleukin 2 and Interleukin 4, Bottomly, K., Davis, L.S. and Lipsky, P.E. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.3.1-6.3.12, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; deVries et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 173:1205-1211, 1991; Moreau et al., *Nature* 336:690-692, 1988; Greenberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 80:2931-2938, 1983; Measurement of mouse and human 10 interleukin 6 - Nordan, R. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.6.1-6.6.5, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; Smith et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 83:1857-1861, 1986; Measurement of human Interleukin 11 - Bennett, F., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K. J. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.15.1 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 15 1991; Measurement of mouse and human Interleukin 9 - Ciarletta, A., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.13.1, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991.

Assays for T-cell clone responses to antigens (which will identify, among 20 others, proteins that affect APC-T cell interactions as well as direct T-cell effects by measuring proliferation and cytokine production) include, without limitation, those described in: *Current Protocols in Immunology*, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober 25 Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, *In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function*; Chapter 6, *Cytokines and their cellular receptors*; Chapter 7, *Immunologic studies in Humans*); Weinberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:6091-6095, 1980; Weinberger et al., *Eur. J. Immun.* 11:405-411, 1981; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512, 1988.

30 A protein of the present invention may also exhibit immune stimulating or immune suppressing activity, including without limitation the activities for which assays are described herein. A protein may be useful in the treatment of various

immune deficiencies and disorders (including severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)), e.g., in regulating (up or down) growth and proliferation of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as effecting the cytolytic activity of NK cells and other cell populations. These immune deficiencies may be genetic or be caused by viral (e.g., 5 HIV) as well as bacterial or fungal infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases caused by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using a protein of the present invention, including infections by HIV, hepatitis viruses, herpes viruses, mycobacteria, leishmania, malaria and various fungal infections such as candida. Of course, in this regard, a protein of 10 the present invention may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally would be indicated, i.e., in the treatment of cancer.

Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using a protein of the present invention include, for example, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, 15 autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, myasthenia gravis, graft-versus-host disease and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. Such a protein of the present invention may also be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma or other respiratory problems. Other conditions, in which immune suppression is desired (including, for example, asthma and related respiratory 20 conditions), may also be treatable using a protein of the present invention.

A protein of the present invention may also suppress chronic or acute inflammation, such as, for example, that associated with infection (such as septic shock or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or resulting from over production of cytokines such as TNF 25 or IL-1 (such as the effect demonstrated by IL-11).

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for thymocyte or splenocyte cytotoxicity include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, 30 A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte

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10 Assays for T-cell-dependent immunoglobulin responses and isotype switching (which will identify, among others, proteins that modulate T-cell dependent antibody responses and that affect Th1/Th2 profiles) include, without limitation, those described in: Maliszewski, J. Immunol. 144:3028-3033, 1990; and Assays for B cell function: *In vitro* antibody production, Mond, J.J. and Brunswick, M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.8.1-3.8.16, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

15 Mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR) assays (which will identify, among others, proteins that generate predominantly Th1 and CTL responses) include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing 20 Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992.

25 Dendritic cell-dependent assays (which will identify, among others, proteins expressed by denritic cells that activate naive T-cells) include, without limitation, those described in: Guery et al., J. Immunol. 134:536-544, 1995; Inaba et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 173:549-559, 1991; Macatonia et al., Journal of Immunology 154:5071-5079, 1995; Porgador et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 30 182:255-260, 1995; Nair et al., Journal of Virology 67:4062-4069, 1993; Huang et al., Science 264:961-965, 1994; Macatonia et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine

169:1255-1264, 1989; Bhardwaj et al., *Journal of Clinical Investigation* 94:797-807, 1994; and Inaba et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 172:631-640, 1990.

Assays for lymphocyte survival/apoptosis (which will identify, among others, proteins that prevent apoptosis after superantigen induction and proteins that regulate lymphocyte homeostasis) include, without limitation, those described in: Darzynkiewicz et al., *Cytometry* 13:795-808, 1992; Gorczyca et al., *Leukemia* 7:659-670, 1993; Gorczyca et al., *Cancer Research* 53:1945-1951, 1993; Itoh et al., *Cell* 66:233-243, 1991; Zacharchuk, *Journal of Immunology* 145:4037-4045, 1990; Zamai et al., *Cytometry* 14:891-897, 1993; Gorczyca et al., *International Journal of Oncology* 1:639-648, 1992.

Assays for proteins that influence early steps of T-cell commitment and development include, without limitation, those described in: Antica et al., *Blood* 84:111-117, 1994; Fine et al., *Cellular Immunology* 155:111-122, 1994; Galy et al., *Blood* 85:2770-2778, 1995; Toki et al., *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:7548-7551, 1991.

A protein of the present invention may be useful in regulation of hematopoiesis and, consequently, in the treatment of myeloid or lymphoid cell deficiencies. Even marginal biological activity in support of colony forming cells or of factor-dependent cell lines indicates involvement in regulating hematopoiesis, e.g. in supporting the growth and proliferation of erythroid progenitor cells alone or in combination with other cytokines, thereby indicating utility, for example, in treating various anemias or for use in conjunction with irradiation/chemotherapy to stimulate the production of erythroid precursors and/or erythroid cells; in supporting the growth and proliferation of myeloid cells such as granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages (i.e., traditional CSF activity) useful, for example, in conjunction with chemotherapy to prevent or treat consequent myelo-suppression; in supporting the growth and proliferation of megakaryocytes and consequently of platelets thereby allowing prevention or treatment of various platelet disorders such as thrombocytopenia, and generally for use in place of or complimentarily to platelet transfusions; and/or in supporting the growth and proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells which are capable of maturing to any and all of the above-mentioned hematopoietic cells and therefore find therapeutic utility

in various stem cell disorders (such as those usually treated with transplantation, including, without limitation, aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), as well as in repopulating the stem cell compartment post irradiation/chemotherapy, either *in-vivo* or *ex-vivo* (i.e. in conjunction with bone marrow transplantation) as normal cells or genetically manipulated for gene therapy.

5 The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for proliferation and differentiation of various hematopoietic lines are cited above.

10 Assays for embryonic stem cell differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that influence embryonic differentiation hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Johansson et al. *Cellular Biology* 15:141-151, 1995; Keller et al., *Molecular and Cellular Biology* 13:473-486, 1993; McClanahan et al., *Blood* 81:2903-2915, 1993.

15 Assays for stem cell survival and differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that regulate lympho-hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Methylcellulose colony forming assays, Freshney, M.G. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 265-268, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Hirayama et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:5907-5911, 1992; Primitive hematopoietic colony forming cells with high proliferative potential, McNiece, I.K. and Briddell, R.A. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 23-39, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Neben et al., *Experimental Hematology* 22:353-359, 1994; Cobblestone area forming cell assay, Ploemacher, R.E. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 1-21, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Long term bone marrow cultures in the presence of stromal cells, Spooncer, E., Dexter, M. and Allen, T. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 163-179, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Long term culture initiating cell assay, Sutherland, H.J. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 139-162, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994.

CTLA-8 proteins are useful in the treatment of various immune deficiencies and disorders (including SCID), *e.g.*, in regulating (up or down) growth, proliferation and/or activity of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as the cytolytic activity of NK cells. These immune deficiencies may be caused by viral (*e.g.*, HIV) as well as bacterial infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases caused by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using CTLA-8 proteins, including infections by HIV, hepatitis, influenza, CMV, herpes, mycobacterium, leishmaniasis, malaria and various fungal infections (such as candida). Of course, in this regard, the CTLA-8 proteins may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally would be indicated, *i.e.*, in the treatment of cancer or as an adjuvant to vaccines. Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using factors of the present invention include, for example, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes melitis and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. The CTLA-8 proteins are also expected to be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions.

CTLA-8 proteins are also expected to have chemotactic activity. A protein or peptide has "chemotactic activity," as used herein, if it can stimulate, directly or indirectly, the directed orientation or movement of cells, including myeloid and lymphoid cells. Preferably, the protein or peptide has the ability to directly stimulate directed movement of cells (particularly T-cells). Whether a particular protein or peptide has chemotactic activity for cells can be readily determined by employing such protein or peptide in any known assay for cell chemotaxis.

CTLA-8 proteins also inhibit growth and proliferation of vascular endothelial cells. As a result, human CTLA-8 proteins are effective in inhibiting angiogenesis (*i.e.*, vascular formation). This activity will also be useful in the treatment of tumors and other conditions in which angiogenesis is involved. Inhibition of angiogenesis by human CTLA-8 proteins will also result in inhibition or prevention of the condition to which normal angiogenesis would contribute.

Isolated CTLA-8 proteins, purified from cells or recombinantly produced, may be used as a pharmaceutical composition when combined with a pharmaceutically

acceptable carrier. Such a composition may contain, in addition to CTLA-8 protein and carrier, diluents, fillers, salts, buffers, stabilizers, solubilizers, and other materials well known in the art. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means a non-toxic material that does not interfere with the effectiveness of the biological activity of the active ingredient(s). The characteristics of the carrier will depend on the route of administration. The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may also contain cytokines, lymphokines, or other hematopoietic factors such as M-CSF, GM-CSF, IL-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-15, G-CSF, γ -IFN, stem cell factor, and erythropoietin. The pharmaceutical composition may contain thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors such as plasminogen activator and Factor VIII. The pharmaceutical composition may further contain other anti-inflammatory agents. Such additional factors and/or agents may be included in the pharmaceutical composition to produce a synergistic effect with CTLA-8 protein, or to minimize side effects caused by the CTLA-8 protein. Conversely, CTLA-8 protein may be included in formulations of the particular cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent to minimize side effects of the cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent.

The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may be in the form of a liposome in which CTLA-8 protein is combined, in addition to other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, with amphipathic agents such as lipids which exist in aggregated form as micelles, insoluble monolayers, liquid crystals, or lamellar layers which in aqueous solution. Suitable lipids for liposomal formulation include, without limitation, monoglycerides, diglycerides, sulfatides, lysolecithin, phospholipids, saponin, bile acids, and the like. Preparation of such liposomal formulations is within the level of skill in the art, as disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 4,235,871; U.S. Patent No. 4,501,728; U.S. Patent No. 4,837,028; and U.S. Patent No. 4,737,323, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" means the total amount of each active component of the pharmaceutical composition or method that is sufficient to show a meaningful patient benefit, e.g., amelioration of symptoms of,

healing of, or increase in rate of healing of such conditions. When applied to an individual active ingredient, administered alone, the term refers to that ingredient alone. When applied to a combination, the term refers to combined amounts of the active ingredients that result in the therapeutic effect, whether administered in 5 combination, serially or simultaneously.

In practicing the method of treatment or use of the present invention, a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered to a mammal. CTLA-8 protein may be administered in accordance with the method of the invention either alone or in combination with other therapies such as treatments employing 10 cytokines, lymphokines or other hematopoietic factors. When co-administered with one or more cytokines, lymphokines, other hematopoietic factors or vaccine components (such as antigens or other adjuvants), CTLA-8 protein may be administered either simultaneously with the cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors, or sequentially. If 15 administered sequentially, the attending physician will decide on the appropriate sequence of administering CTLA-8 protein in combination with cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors.

Administration of CTLA-8 protein used in the pharmaceutical composition or to practice the method of the present invention can be carried out in a variety of 20 conventional ways, such as oral ingestion, inhalation, or cutaneous, subcutaneous, or intravenous injection. Intravenous administration to the patient is preferred.

When a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered orally, CTLA-8 protein will be in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, solution or elixir. When administered in tablet form, the pharmaceutical composition of the 25 invention may additionally contain a solid carrier such as a gelatin or an adjuvant. The tablet, capsule, and powder contain from about 5 to 95% CTLA-8 protein, and preferably from about 25 to 90% CTLA-8 protein. When administered in liquid form, a liquid carrier such as water, petroleum, oils of animal or plant origin such as peanut oil, mineral oil, soybean oil, or sesame oil, or synthetic oils may be added. The liquid 30 form of the pharmaceutical composition may further contain physiological saline solution, dextrose or other saccharide solution, or glycols such as ethylene glycol,

propylene glycol or polyethylene glycol. When administered in liquid form, the pharmaceutical composition contains from about 0.5 to 90% by weight of CTLA-8 protein, and preferably from about 1 to 50% CTLA-8 protein.

When a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered
5 by intravenous, cutaneous or subcutaneous injection, CTLA-8 protein will be in the form of a pyrogen-free, parenterally acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such parenterally acceptable protein solutions, having due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability, and the like, is within the skill in the art. A preferred pharmaceutical composition for intravenous, cutaneous, or subcutaneous injection should contain, in
10 addition to CTLA-8 protein an isotonic vehicle such as Sodium Chloride Injection, Ringer's Injection, Dextrose Injection, Dextrose and Sodium Chloride Injection, Lactated Ringer's Injection, or other vehicle as known in the art. The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention may also contain stabilizers, preservatives, buffers, antioxidants, or other additive known to those of skill in the art.

15 The amount of CTLA-8 protein in the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will depend upon the nature and severity of the condition being treated, and on the nature of prior treatments which the patient has undergone. Ultimately, the attending physician will decide the amount of CTLA-8 protein with
20 which to treat each individual patient. Initially, the attending physician will administer low doses of CTLA-8 protein and observe the patient's response. Larger doses of CTLA-8 protein may be administered until the optimal therapeutic effect is obtained for the patient, and at that point the dosage is not generally increased further. It is contemplated that the various pharmaceutical compositions used to practice the
25 method of the present invention should contain about 0.1 μ g to about 100 mg of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 10 mg of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, more preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 100 μ g of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, most preferably preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 10 μ g of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight.

30 The duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will vary, depending on the severity of the disease being treated and the condition and potential idiosyncratic response of each individual patient. It

is contemplated that the duration of each application of the CTLA-8 protein will be in the range of 12 to 24 hours of continuous intravenous administration. Ultimately the attending physician will decide on the appropriate duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention.

5 CTLA-8 protein of the invention may also be used to immunize animals to obtain polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies which specifically react with the CTLA-8 protein and which may inhibit CTLA-8 binding to its receptor. Such antibodies are also useful for performing diagnostics assays for CTLA-8 in accordance with known methods. Such antibodies may be obtained using the entire CTLA-8 protein as an 10 immunogen, or by using fragments of human CTLA-8 protein. The peptide immunogens additionally may contain a cysteine residue at the carboxyl terminus, and are conjugated to a hapten such as keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). Additional peptide immunogens may be generated by replacing tyrosine residues with sulfated tyrosine residues. Methods for synthesizing such peptides are known in the art, for 15 example, as in R.P. Merrifield, J.Amer.Chem.Soc. 85, 2149-2154 (1963); J.L. Krstenansky, et al., FEBS Lett. 211, 10 (1987).

Neutralizing or non-neutralizing antibodies (preferably monoclonal antibodies) binding to human CTLA-8 protein may also be useful therapeutics for certain tumors and also in the treatment of conditions described above. These neutralizing 20 monoclonal antibodies are capable of blocking the ligand binding to the human CTLA-8 protein or may promote clearance of protein from the patient.

Because of their homology to human CTLA-8, rat CTLA-8 proteins, herpes 25 CTLA-8 proteins and IL-17 proteins (the "human CTLA-8" of Golstein et al., *supra*) will also possess CTLA-8 activity as described above. As a result, rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins and IL-17 proteins, as well as active fragments and variants thereof, can be used in preparation of pharmaceutical compositions and in methods of treatment as described for human CTLA-8. Rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins, and active fragments and variants thereof, can be produced as described above using the 30 polynucleotides (or fragments or variants thereof) described in SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:5, respectively. Rat and herpes CTLA-8 may also be produced as described in Rouvier et al., *J. Immunol.* 1993, 150, 5445-5456. CTLA-8 proteins of other

species can also be used as described herein. cDNAs encoding rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on July 6, 1995 and assigned accession numbers ATCC 69867 and ATCC 69866, respectively. IL-17 proteins may also be produced as described in Golstein et al., *supra*.

5 Because of its homology to IL-17, the human CTLA-8 (B18) proteins of the present invention may also share some activities with IL-17.

10 For the purposes of treatment or therapy, any of the proteins discussed or disclosed herein may be administered by *in vivo* expression of the protein in a mammalian subject. In such instances, a polynucleotide encoding the desired protein is administered to the subject in manner allowing expression in accordance with known methods, including without limitation the adenovirus methods disclosed 15 herein.

Example 1

Isolation of Human CTLA-8 cDNA

15 A partial clone for human CTLA-8 was isolated from a cDNA library made from RNA isolated from stimulated human peripheral blood mononuclear cells. This partial was identified as "B18." B18 is sometimes used herein to refer to the human CTLA-8 of the present invention. Homology searches identified this partial clone as 20 being related to the herpes and rat CTLA-8 genes. DNA sequence of this partial clone was used to isolate the full-length clone.

25 In order to isolate a full-length cDNA for B18, a directional, full-length cDNA library by standard means in the COS expression vector pMV2. The cDNA library was transformed into *E. coli* by electroporation. The bulk of the original transformed cDNA library was frozen in glycerol at -80°C. An aliquot was titered to measure the concentration of transformed *E. coli*. The *E. coli* were thawed, diluted to 76,000/0.1 ml in media containing ampicillin, and 0.1 ml was distributed into the wells of a microtiter dish in an 8 x 8 array. The microtiter dish was placed at 37°C overnight to grow the *E. coli*.

30 To prepare DNA for PCR, 20 µl aliquots of culture from each well were withdrawn and pooled separately for each row and column of eight wells, giving 16

pools of 160 μ l each. The *E. coli* were pelleted, resuspended in 160 μ l of standard lysis buffer consisting of 10 mM TrisHCl pH8, 1 mM EDTA, 0.01% Triton X-100, and lysed by heating to 95°C for 10 minutes.

5 To identify which of the wells contained *E. coli* transformed with B18, PCR was performed first on the DNA preps corresponding to the eight columns. The PCR consisted of two sequential reactions with nested oligonucleotides using standard conditions. The oligonucleotides used for the PCR reaction were derived from the sequence of the partial B18 clone. They were:

10 B185: CACAGGCATACACAGGAAGATACTTCA (SEQ ID NO:7)
B183: TCTTGCTGGATGGGAACCGGAATTCA (SEQ ID NO:8)
B18N: ATACATTCACAGAAGAGCTTCCTGCACA (SEQ ID NO:9)

15 The PCR conditions were 2.5 mM MgCl₂ and 95°C x 2 min for one cycle, 95°C x 1 min plus 68°C x 1 min for 30 cycles, and 68°C x 10 for one cycle. Each reaction was 20 μ l. The first reaction contained oligonucleotides B185 and B183 and 1 μ l of the DNA preparations. The second reaction contained oligonucleotides B183 and B18N and 1 μ l of the first reaction.

20 DNA preps that potentially contained a full-length B18 cDNA clone were identified by agarose gel electrophoresis on an aliquot of the second PCR reaction. A DNA band of the correct mobility was assumed to be derived from a B18 cDNA. Next the same sequence of PCR reactions and gel analysis was done on the DNA preps corresponding to the eight rows. The intersection of a row and a column identified well A2 as potentially containing B18, narrowing it down to the 76,000 *E. coli* originally seeded into that well.

25 To further purify the individual *E. coli* containing the putative full-length B18 cDNA clone, the concentration of *E. coli* in well A2 was measured by titering and plating dilutions of the well. Then 7600 *E. coli* were seeded into the wells of a second microtiter plate in an 8 x 8 array. The *E. coli* were grown overnight; wells were pooled, and DNA was prepared as described above. To identify which of these wells contained *E. coli* transformed with B18, sequential PCR reactions were performed

essentially as described above. Agarose gel electrophoresis identified well B2 as potentially containing a B18 cDNA.

The *E. coli* containing this cDNA was further purified by seeding wells of a microtiter plate with 253 *E. coli* per well and proceeding as for the purification of the 5 *E. coli* in well A2. Well C3 was identified as containing a putative full-length B18 cDNA clone. The exact *E. coli* was identified by plating the contents of the well onto bacterial culture media and then screening the *E. coli* colonies following established protocols. The probe for these hybridizations was a PCR fragment generated by doing a PCR reaction on the B18 clone using as primers the oligonucleotides described 10 above (SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9). When a single colony was identified, DNA was prepared and sequenced by standard methods. Comparison of this sequence to the sequence of the original partial clone confirmed identity and that the isolated cDNA was full-length.

The full-length clone was deposited with the American Type Culture 15 Collection on July 6, 1995 and assigned accession number ATCC 69868.

Example 2

Expression of Human CTLA-8

The full-length B18 clone for human CTLA-8 was transfected into COS cells 20 which were then labelled with ^{35}S -methionine. An aliquot of conditioned medium from the transfected cell culture was reduced, denatured and electrophoresed on polyacrylamide gels. Autoradiographs of those gels are reproduced in Fig. 2. The band indicated by the arrow demonstrates expression of human CTLA-8.

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Example 3

Inhibition of Angiogenesis by Human CTLA-8

The ability of human CTLA-8 to inhibit angiogenesis was examined in an angiostatic activity assay (endothelial cell proliferation assay). The assay was done 30 in a 96 well plate. Primary human umbilical cells (HUVECs) were seeded to 2×10^3 cells per well in EGM medium (Clonetics)/20% FCS and incubated at 37°C for 24 hr. The cells were then starved in M199 medium (GIBCO BRL) containing 10% charcoal

treated serum (M199-CS) for 48 hr at 37°C. Conditioned media containing B18 (human CTLA-8) was obtained from transfected COS or stably expressing CHO cells and 1:10, 1:50, 1:250, and 1:1250 dilutions prepared in M199-CS medium containing 100 ng/ml FGF. The dilutions of B18 were added to the starved cells and incubated for 72 hr at 37°C. The cells were then radiolabeled by [³H]-thymidine for 6 hr. Radiolabeled cells were washed with PBS and trypsinized for liquid scintillation counting. Results were plotted using Kaleidograph software. The results are shown in Fig. 3. In the figure, "Med" is the mock control, "B18" and "B18-1" were conditioned medium from two independent transfections of COS with DNA encoding human CTLA-8 (B18). IFNy was used as a positive control angiostatic (i.e., angiogenesis inhibition) activity. These data demonstrate that human CTLA-8 (B18) inhibits angiogenesis.

Example 4

Hematopoietic Activity of Human CTLA-8

The hematopoietic activity of human CTLA-8 (B18) expressed *in vivo* was examined by construction of a recombinant adenovirus vector.

The B18 cDNA in the expression plasmid Adori 2-12 B18 was driven by the cytomegalovirus(CMV) immediate early promoter and enhancer.

The Adori 2-12 vector was created by addition of an SV40 origin and enhancer to a known adenovirus vector (Barr et al., Gene Therapy 1:51 (1994); Davidson et al., Nature Genetics 3:219 (1993)). The HindIII/BamHI fragment encoding the SV40 origin and enhancer was isolated from the pMT2 mammalian expression vector, blunted with Klenow and cloned into the NatI site (blunted with Klenow) of the Ad5 expression vector.

The vector was derived by digesting pNOT-B18 cDNA with *SaII*, filling in the 5' overhang with Klenow to generate a blunt end and digesting with *EcoRI* to isolate the B18 cDNA. The blunted- *EcoRI* B18 fragment was inserted into the restriction sites *EcoRV-EcoRI* of the adenovirus vector Adori 2-12. The CMV-B18 expression cassette was located downstream of the SV40 origin and enhancer, and 0-1 map units of the left hand end of the adenovirus type 5(Ad5). The SV40 splice donor and

acceptor were located between the CMV promoter and B18 cDNA. Following the insert was SV40 poly A site, 9-16 map units of Ad5 and the puc 19 origin.

A recombinant adenovirus was generated by homologous recombination in 293 cells. *Ascl* linearized Adori 2-12 B18 and *Clal* digested AdCMVlacZ were introduced 5 into the 293 cells using lipofectamine. Recombinant adenovirus virus was isolated and amplified on 293 cells. The virus was released from infected 293 cells by three cycles of freeze-thawing. The virus was further purified by two cesium chloride centrifugation gradients and dialyzed against PBS 4°C. Following dialysis of the virus glycerol was added to a concentration of 10 % and the virus was stored at - 70 °C until 10 use. The virus was characterized by expression of the transgene, plaque forming units on 293 cells, particles/ml and Southern analysis of the virus.

A single dose of 5×10^{10} particles of recombinant adenovirus encoding B18 was injected into the tail vein of male C57/bl6 mice, age 7-8 weeks. Control mice received an adenovirus encoding B-galactosidase. Four mice from each experimental 15 group were killed on day 7 and 14. Blood was collected and automated hematologic analysis was performed using a Baker 9000. Differential counts were performed on blood smears. Tissue was harvested, fixed in formalin, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for histopathology. In the first set of experiments, serum and tissues were analyzed 7 and 14 days post injection. A slight increase in peripheral platelet counts 20 were observed. The animals that received B18 exhibited a slight increase in spleen size. Macroscopic analysis of the spleen showed an increase in splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis on day 7 compared to the control. These results showed a hematopoietic growth activity associated with B18.

In a second set of experiments 5×10^{10} particles of recombinant adenovirus 25 encoding B18 were injected into the tail vein of male C57/bl6 mice, age 17-18 weeks. Control mice received an adenovirus encoding B-galactosidase. Blood samples were collected via retro-orbital sinus on days 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, and 21. The hematologic analyses were performed on the Baker 9000 automated cell counter with murine-specific settings. Analyses included WBC, RBC, HCT and PLT counts. Blood smears 30 were prepared and stained with Wright-Geimsa for WBC differentials based on a 100 cellcount. Reticulocytes and reticulated platelets were quantitated using flow

cytometry. Four mice from each group were killed on days 7, 14, and 21. In addition to peripheral blood analysis, serum was collected via cardiac puncture for quantitation of systemic IL-6 using a commercial kit (Endogen). Spleen and liver were collected for histopathology, spleen and bone marrow hematopoietic progenitors were quantitated, 5 and bone marrow smears were prepared and stained with Wright-Geimsa for cell counts.

10 Administration of adenovirus encoding B18 resulted in a marked increase in peripheral blood neutrophils and WBC (Fig. 4). Maximum increases in neutrophils were observed at day 5 and day 7. The control mice showed little difference at day 5 and day 7. Peripheral blood neutrophils were similar in the control mice and mice that received B18 at day 21. In both the B18 and control groups an increase in white blood cells was also observed. The mice that received B18 had a greater increase in WBC between day 2 and day 7. By Day 21 a more pronounced increase was observed in the B-gal group. No other changes in cellular chemistries were observed (Table I).

15 Bone marrow cellularity was calculated from pooled femurs in each group (Table III). No significant differences were observed in either group. No significant changes were observed in bone marrow hematopoietic progenitors from day 7, 14, and 21. The CFU-GM, BFU-E and CFU-MEG in the B18 mice were similar to the B-gal control (Table II).

20 Administration of the adenovirus encoding B18 resulted in an increase in CFU-GM (myeloid) and BFU-E (erythroid) progenitors in the spleen compared to animals that received the B-gal virus on day 7. The increase in progenitors in the B18 mice was 11-fold in CFU-GM and a 52-fold in BFU-E (Table II). There was a 2-fold increase in CFU-MEG at day 7 for the B18 mice. By day 21 no significant differences 25 were observed in splenic CFU-MEG or BFU-E between the groups (Table II). A 3-fold decrease in CFU-GM was observed in mice that received adenovirus encoding B18. A slight increase in spleen size at day 7 was observed in the B18 group. This is consistent with an increase in splenic cellularity. By day 14 and day 21 spleen weights were similar to the control group (Table III). Macroscopic analysis of the 30 spleen showed an increase in splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis of the B18 mice on day 7 compared to the control.

The bone marrow myeloid: erythroid ratios (Table IV) suggest a granulocytic hyperplasia with a possible erythroid hypoplasia in mice that received adenovirus B18 on day 7. By day 21 the ratio in the B-gal group was higher. No changes were observed in the IL6 serum levels.

5 These results show a hematopoietic activity associated with the administration of adenovirus encoding B18 (human CTLA-8). Increases in neutrophils and white blood cells were observed at day 7 in animals that received B18 adenovirus. The data showed that B18 resulted in increase in splenic CFU-GM and BFU-E 7 days post administration compared to the control animals. Splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis on day 7 support that B18 exhibits a hematopoietic growth activity.

10 These data suggest that B18 may mobilize early hematopoietic precursors.

Table I: Peripheral hematology for day 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, and 21.

Study A54-4B-B18 (Platelets) Day 2-4-25-96														
Group A	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts %	ANC x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs %	ALC x10 ³ /μL	Eos %	Monos %	RBC x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics %	Abs Retics x10 ⁶ /μL	HCT %	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR %	Abs RPR x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	5.4	40	2.16	54	2.92	0	6	10.88	3.65	0.40	48.0	636	11.94	99.82
B-Gel #2	7.4	25	1.85	65	4.81	3	7	12.34	2.04	0.25	56.6	900	10.10	90.90
B-Gel #3	6.8	40	2.72	52	3.54	2	6	11.26	3.26	0.37	51.6	894	9.77	87.34
B-Gel #4	8.8	23	2.02	64	5.63	1	12	12.00	2.55	0.31	54.8	840	10.63	99.29
AVG	7.1	32.0	2.19	58.8	4.22	1.5	7.8	11.62	2.88	0.33	52.8	868	10.61	91.84
SEM	0.7	4.6	0.19	3.4	0.61	0.6	1.4	0.33	0.36	0.03	1.5	17	0.48	2.76
B18 #1	11.4	59	6.73	31	3.53	1	9	11.16	4.88	0.54	52.4	1242	14.92	185.31
B18 #2	9.2	30	2.76	62	5.70	3	5	10.14	3.97	0.40	48.0	632	10.90	68.89
B18 #3	5.0	51	2.55	40	2.00	0	9	11.16	3.23	0.36	51.2	832	11.18	93.02
B18 #4	6.4	41	2.62	55	3.52	0	4	10.80	3.09	0.33	49.2	904	17.31	156.48
AVG	8.0	45.3	3.57	47.0	3.89	1.0	6.8	10.82	3.79	0.41	50.2	903	13.58	125.92
SEM	1.4	6.3	1.02	7.0	0.76	0.7	1.3	0.24	0.41	0.05	1.0	127	1.55	27.07

Study A54-4B-B18 (Platelets) Day 5-4-29-96														
Group B	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts %	ANC x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs %	ALC x10 ³ /μL	Eos %	Monos %	RBC x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics %	Abs Retics x10 ⁶ /μL	HCT %	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR %	Abs RPR x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	7.6	14	1.06	78	5.93	3	5	11.26	5.25	0.59	52.4	1082	15.51	167.62
B-Gel #2	10.6	20	2.12	78	8.27	1	1	10.72	4.71	0.50	49.4	994	17.37	172.66
B-Gel #3	8.0	18	1.51	69	6.07	2	11	11.12	3.40	0.38	51.2	916	9.55	87.49
B-Gel #4	10.8	38	4.10	59	8.26	0	4	10.22	6.21	0.63	47.0	1092	13.93	152.12
AVG	9.5	22.5	2.20	70.8	6.63	1.5	5.3	10.83	4.69	0.53	50.0	1021	14.09	145.02
SEM	0.8	5.3	0.57	4.8	0.55	0.6	2.1	0.23	0.59	0.06	1.2	41	1.57	19.67
B18 #1	14.8	16	2.56	71	10.51	1	10	12.66	2.31	0.29	57.0	1204	7.57	91.14
B18 #2	14.2	37	5.25	53	7.53	2	8	9.80	3.32	0.33	44.8	888	14.33	127.25
B18 #3	12.8	30	3.84	59	7.55	1	10	12.12	4.12	0.50	53.6	1134	10.15	115.10
B18 #4	16.0	58	9.23	37	5.92	0	5	11.04	3.03	0.43	50.8	1166	15.75	183.65
AVG	14.5	35.8	5.26	65.0	7.88	1.0	8.3	11.41	3.42	0.39	52.0	1098	11.95	129.28
SEM	0.7	8.4	1.44	7.1	0.96	0.4	1.2	0.53	0.41	0.05	2.8	71	1.88	19.61

Study A54-4B-B18 (Platelets) Day 7-4-30-96														
Group C	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts %	ANC x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs %	ALC x10 ³ /μL	Eos %	Monos %	RBC x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics %	Abs Retics x10 ⁶ /μL	HCT %	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR %	Abs RPR x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	15.2	14	2.13	69	10.49	1	16	11.04	3.54	0.39	50.8	852	12.46	107.41
B-Gel #2	14.0	12	1.68	81	11.31	0	7	11.38	5.05	0.57	52.6	1104	14.91	164.61
B-Gel #3	14.8	14	2.07	73	10.80	1	12	10.92	5.42	0.59	48.8	952	11.49	109.38
AVG	14.7	13.3	1.96	74.3	10.88	0.7	11.7	11.11	4.67	0.52	51.0	973	12.95	127.13
SEM	0.4	0.7	0.14	3.5	0.25	0.3	2.6	0.14	0.58	0.06	0.9	71	1.02	18.75
B18 #1	19.4	33	6.40	62	12.03	0	5	10.14	2.93	0.30	45.2	864	12.80	110.59
B18 #2	25.4	39	9.91	53	13.46	0	8	9.46	6.05	0.57	43.6	1288	12.49	160.87
B18 #3	22.6	44	10.38	50	11.80	0	6	9.74	5.17	0.50	44.4	1076	15.41	165.81
B18 #4	12.8	15	1.92	75	9.60	0	10	9.54	6.26	0.60	43.4	1136	15.88	180.40
AVG	20.3	32.8	7.15	60.0	11.72	0.0	7.3	9.72	5.10	0.49	44.2	1091	14.15	154.42
SEM	2.3	6.3	1.96	5.6	0.80	0.0	1.1	0.15	0.76	0.07	0.4	86	0.87	15.19

Study A54-4B-B18 (Platelets) Day 10-5-3-96														
Group A	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts %	ANC x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs %	ALC x10 ³ /μL	Eos %	Monos %	RBC x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics %	Abs Retics x10 ⁶ /μL	HCT %	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR %	Abs RPR x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	16.6	17	3.16	69	12.83	3	11	10.22	12.41	1.27	48.8	1450	16.20	236.52
B-Gel #2	13.2	16	2.11	79	10.43	1	4	10.48	6.00	0.53	48.8	1128	14.46	163.33
B-Gel #3	19.8	16	3.14	74	14.50	0	10	10.72	6.25	0.57	49.4	1338	16.58	221.84
B-Gel #4	18.8	21	3.31	72	13.93	3	4	10.44	7.59	0.79	48.4	1068	14.35	153.26
AVG	17.5	17.5	3.08	73.5	12.79	1.8	7.3	10.47	6.66	0.64	48.4	1249	15.40	193.74
SEM	1.5	1.2	0.27	2.1	0.66	0.8	1.9	0.10	1.49	0.15	0.6	91	0.58	20.78
B18 #1	14.2	33	4.69	56	7.95	5	6	8.70	11.97	1.04	39.2	1760	14.49	255.02
B18 #2	17.6	35	6.16	57	10.03	1	7	9.04	9.48	0.86	42.0	1104	18.88	208.44
B18 #3	16.2	39	6.22	57	9.23	1	3	4.74	16.77	0.79	22.4	894	20.19	260.96
B18 #4	14.2	25	3.55	66	9.37	1	8	9.30	9.93	0.92	42.0	1416	16.81	238.03
AVG	15.6	33.0	5.11	69.0	9.15	2.0	6.0	9.75	12.04	0.90	36.4	1206	18.84	240.61
SEM	0.8	2.9	0.68	2.3	0.43	1.0	1.1	1.08	1.57	0.05	4.7	70	1.59	20.54

Study A54-4B-B18 (Platelets) Day 14-5-14-96														
Group B	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts %	ANC x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs %	ALC x10 ³ /μL	Eos %	Monos %	RBC x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics %	Abs Retics x10 ⁶ /μL	HCT %	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR %	Abs RPR x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	23.4	23	5.84	67	17.02	0	10	10.88	5.15	0.65	50.8	1360	11.03	150.01
B-Gel #2	19.6	19	3.72	69	13.52	0	12	9.50	7.07	0.77	50.8	1616	8.18	132.19
B-Gel #3	27.8	11	3.04	62	22.63	3	4	11.36	6.41	0.73	52.8	1298	7.36	95.53
B-Gel #4	28.0	13	3.84	63	23.24	0	4	9.04	7.54	0.71	43.0	1672	10.05	168.04
AVG	25.2	16.5	4.06	75.3	19.10	0.8	7.5	9.38	6.77	0.81	43.7	1617	9.16	185.36
SEM	1.9	2.8	0.61	4.2	2.33	0.8	2.1	0.15	0.52	0.06	0.9	94	0.46	10.97
B18 #1	18.6	9	1.67	83										

Table II: Bone marrow and Splenic Hematopoietic Progenitors

	CFU-MEG		CFU-GM		BFU-E	
	B-Gal	B18	B-Gal	B18	B-Gal	B18
5	Day 7	16.0 ± 3.5	15.7 ± 3.1	307 ± 117	241 ± 78	51 ± 19
	Day 14	10.7 ± 2.3	15.3 ± 1.2	233 ± 15	373 ± 35	30 ± 10
	Day 21	5.7 ± 0.6	6.7 ± 3.1	170 ± 17	160 ± 27	40 ± 10
10	Spleen**					
	Day 7	9.3 ± 1.6	19.5 ± 1.5	27 ± 3	298 ± 6	1.3 ± 1.2
	Day 14	9.7 ± 0.6	12.7 ± 0.6	267 ± 32	197 ± 21	33 ± 6
	Day 21	17.0 ± 1.0	19.3 ± 2.5	187 ± 6	73 ± 15	23 ± 6

Hematopoietic precursors were determined from pooled spleen and bone marrow samples from four animals in each group. For quantitation of CFU-GM and BFU-E, either 1×10^4 bone marrow cells or 1×10^5 spleen cells were added to complete alpha methylcellulose medium (0.9% methylcellulose in alpha medium, 30% fetal bovine serum, 1% bovine serum albumin, 10-4M 2-mercaptoethanol, 2 mM L-glutamine, 2% murine spleen cell conditioned medium, and 3 U/mL erythropoietin) and aliquoted into 35 mm tissue culture dishes in a final volume of 1.0 mL. Cultures were incubated for 7 days at 37°C, and 5% CO₂. Microscopic colonies were defined as clusters of 50 or more cells. For quantitation of CFU-MEG, either 1×10^5 bone marrow cells or 1×10^6 spleen cells were added to complete alpha methylcellulose medium and incubated as described above. Megakaryocyte colonies were defined as a group of 3 or more cells.

*Bone marrow progenitors are represented as mean ± sd number of colonies per 10^5 cells.

**Spleen progenitors are represented as mean ± sd number of colonies per 10^6 cells.

Table III: Spleen Weights and Femur Cellularity

Spleen Wt. (Mg)	B-Gal	B18		Femur Cellularity (x10 ⁶)	B-Gal	B18
Day 7	187 ± 19	224 ± 29		Day 7	28	23
Day 14	175 ± 13	170 ± 10		Day 14	28	27
Day 21	174 ± 21	151 ± 27		Day 21	28	26

5 Spleen weights were determined at time of sacrifice are represented as means ± sd from four animals.

10 Table IV: Bone Marrow Myeloid:Erythroid Ratios

Group	Mouse #	Day 7	Day 14	Day 21
B-gal	1	1.43	2.12	5.78
	2	0.91	2.46	5.83
	3	1.62	1.03	3.66
	4		5.44	4.82
AVG		1.32	2.76	5.02
SD		0.37	0.37	1.89
B-gal	1	5.59	2.01	2.02
	2	6.51	1.25	2.13
	3	5.49	1.58	1.81
	4	0.50	2.51	2.92
AVG		4.52	1.86	2.22
SD		1.29	2.72	0.56

25 All entries represent the number of myeloid cells per 1 erythroid cell. Normal mouse ratios are approximately 1:1 to 2:1.

Example 5

30 Additional Experiments Relating to

Hematopoietic Activity of Human CTLA-8

B18 (human CTLA-8) was tested for the ability to induce production of factors having hematopoietic activity in a factor-dependent cell proliferation assay using the

human erythroleukemic cell line, TF-1 (Kitamura et al., J. Cell Physiol. 140:323 (1989)). The cells were initially grown in the presence of rhGM-CSF (100 U/ml). The cells were fed three days prior to setting up the assay. The assay conditions were as follows:

5	cells/well	5000/200 μ l
	incubation time	3 days
	pulse time	4 hours
	amount of tritiated thymidine	0.5 μ Ci/well
	counting time	1 minute
10	replicates	2

B18 alone, conditioned medium (CM) from B18 induced HS-5 cells were assayed. Buffer alone, CM from HS-5 cells induced with buffer and CM from uninduced HS-5 cells were assayed as controls. Results are shown in Fig. 5. B18 (human CTLA-8) demonstrated an ability to induce production of factors which induced TF-1 proliferation. This activity was substantially eliminated by the addition of anti-GMCSF antibodies. These data demonstrate that human CTLA-8 (B18) is able to induce hematopoiesis. Particularly, without being bound by any theory, it appears that human CTLA-8 (B18) induces production of GM-CSF and/or IL-3.

20 Example 6

Ability of Human CTLA-8 to Induce Production of IL-6 and IL-8

MRC5 cells were incubated in the presence of human CTLA-8 (B18) and production of IL-6 and IL-8 were measured. Herpes CTLA-8 (IL-17) was used as a positive control. Applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) demonstrated titratable production of both IL-6 and IL-8 (see Figs. 6 and 7).

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- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 151 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 25 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 28 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

ATACATTACAC AGAAGAGCTT CCTGCACA

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5 What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 146 to nucleotide 544;

10 (b) a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to a nucleic acid sequence specified in (a);

(c) a nucleotide sequence varying from the sequence of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a) as a result of degeneracy of the genetic code; and

(d) an allelic variant of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a).

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2. The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a protein having CTLA-8 activity.

20 3. The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to an expression control sequence.

4. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 55 to nucleotide 544.

25 5. A host cell transformed with the polynucleotide of claim 3.

6. The host cell of claim 5, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

7. A process for producing a human CTLA-8 protein, said process comprising:

30 (a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 5 in a suitable culture medium; and

(b) purifying the human CTLA-8 protein from the culture.

5 8. An isolated human CTLA-8 protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

10 (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
 (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 11 to 163;
 (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 29 to 163;
 (d) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 31 to 163; and
 (e) fragments of (a), (b), (c) or (d) having CTLA-8 activity.

15 9. The protein of claim 8 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

20 10. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 29 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

25 11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein of claim 8 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

12. A human CTLA-8 protein produced according to the process of claim 7.

30 13. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with a human CTLA-8 protein of claim 8.

14. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 11.

35 15. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

 (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

5 (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150; and
(c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

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17. The method of claim 15 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150.

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18. A method of treating a mammalian subject administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151; and
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

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19. The method of claim 18 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

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20. The method of claim 18 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151.

21. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544.

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22. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 11 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

5 23. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and IL-17 or an active fragment thereof.

10 24. The method of claim 14, 15, 18 or 23 wherein said subject is treated to produce an effect selected from the group consisting of inhibition of angiogenesis, inhibition of growth or proliferation of vascular endothelial cells, inhibition of tumor growth, inhibition of angiogenesis-dependent tissue growth, proliferation of myeloid cells or progenitors, proliferation of erythroid cells or progenitors, proliferation of lymphoid cells or progenitors, induction of IFN γ production, induction of IL-3 production and induction of GM-CSF production.

15 25. The composition of claim 3 wherein said polynucleotide is contained in a vector suitable for *in vivo* expression in a mammalian subject.

20 26. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 139 to nucleotide 544.

27. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 31 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

Hsvie_2	- - - - - V[K]S E[I]T S A [Q] - T P R[C]L - A A N N S F P R S V M V T [L] S I B [N] - - - W N T S S K [R] A S D Y Y N R S T S P	51
Musctla8	- - - - - A V [L] I P Q - S S V C [P] N A E A N N F L Q N V K Y N L K V I N S L S S K A S S S R P S D Y L N R S T S P	51
B18_F1	A A R K[I] P[K] V C H[T] F F Q X P E S C P P V P G G - - - S M K L D I G I V I N E N Q R V S M S R - - - N I E S R S T S P	51
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B18_F1	W N Y T V T W D P N R Y P S E V V Q A Q C R N L G C I N A Q G K E D I S M N S V P I Q E T L V V R R K H Q G C S V S F	111
		111
Hsvie_2	R L E K N L V T V G C T C V T P I V H N V D	133
Musctla8	R V E K N L V [G] V G C T C V S S I V R H A S	133
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FIGURE 1

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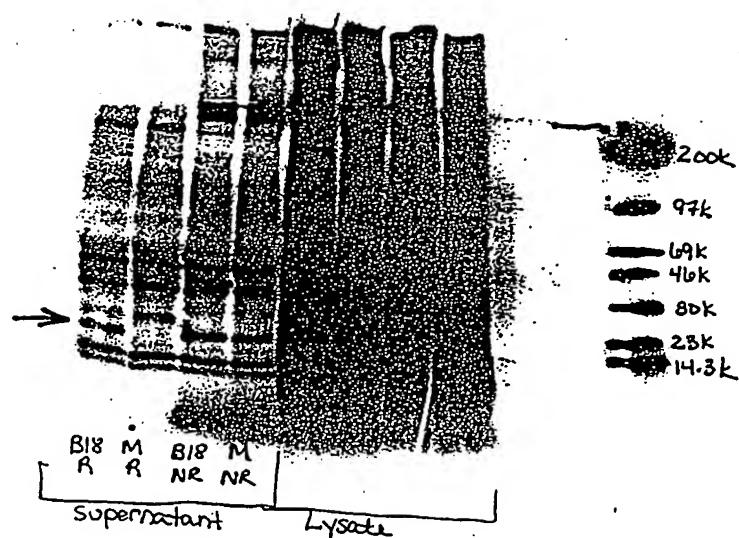


FIGURE 2

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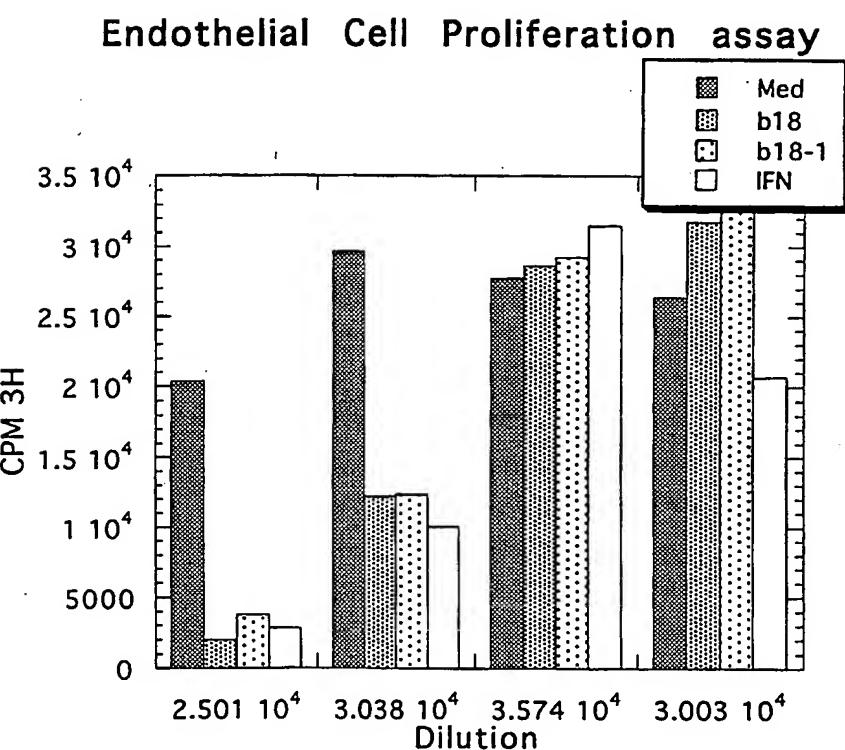


Fig. 3

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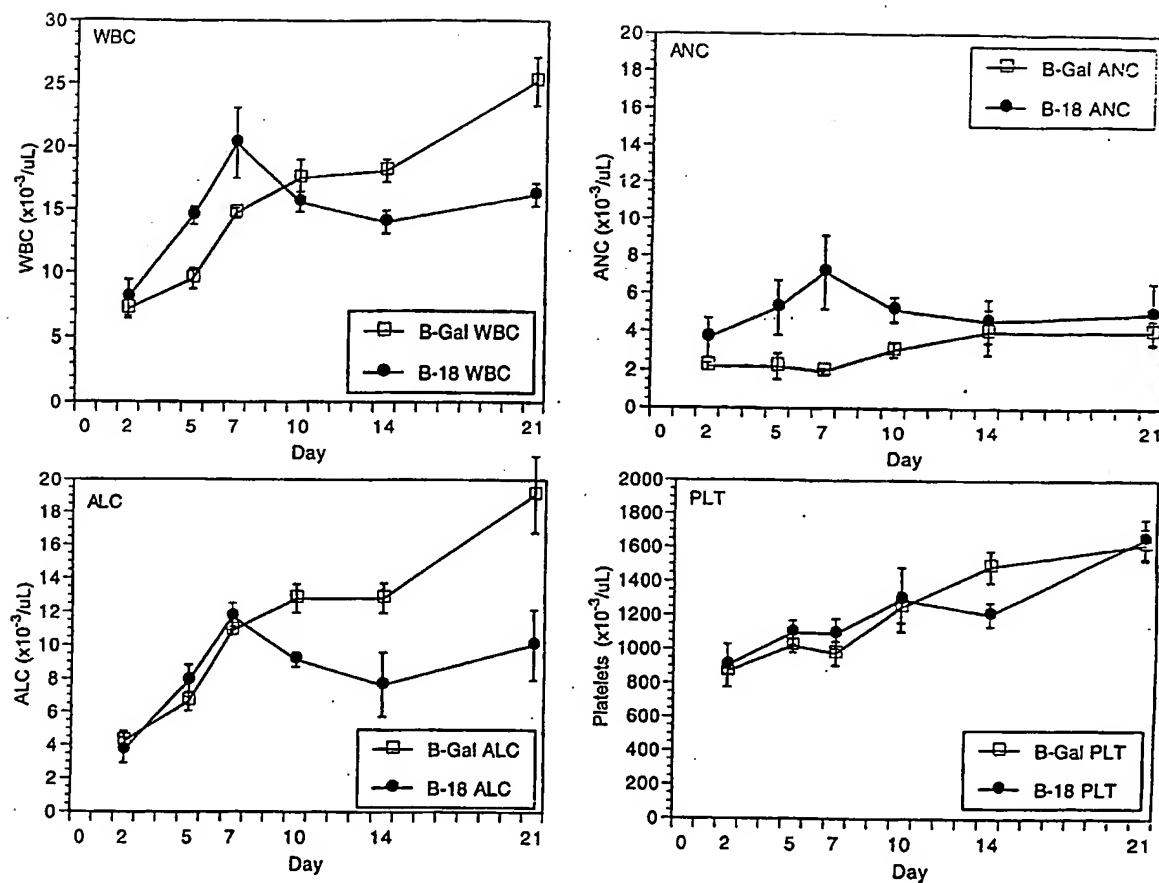


Fig. 4

TF-1 activity in CM from B18 induced HS-5 cells

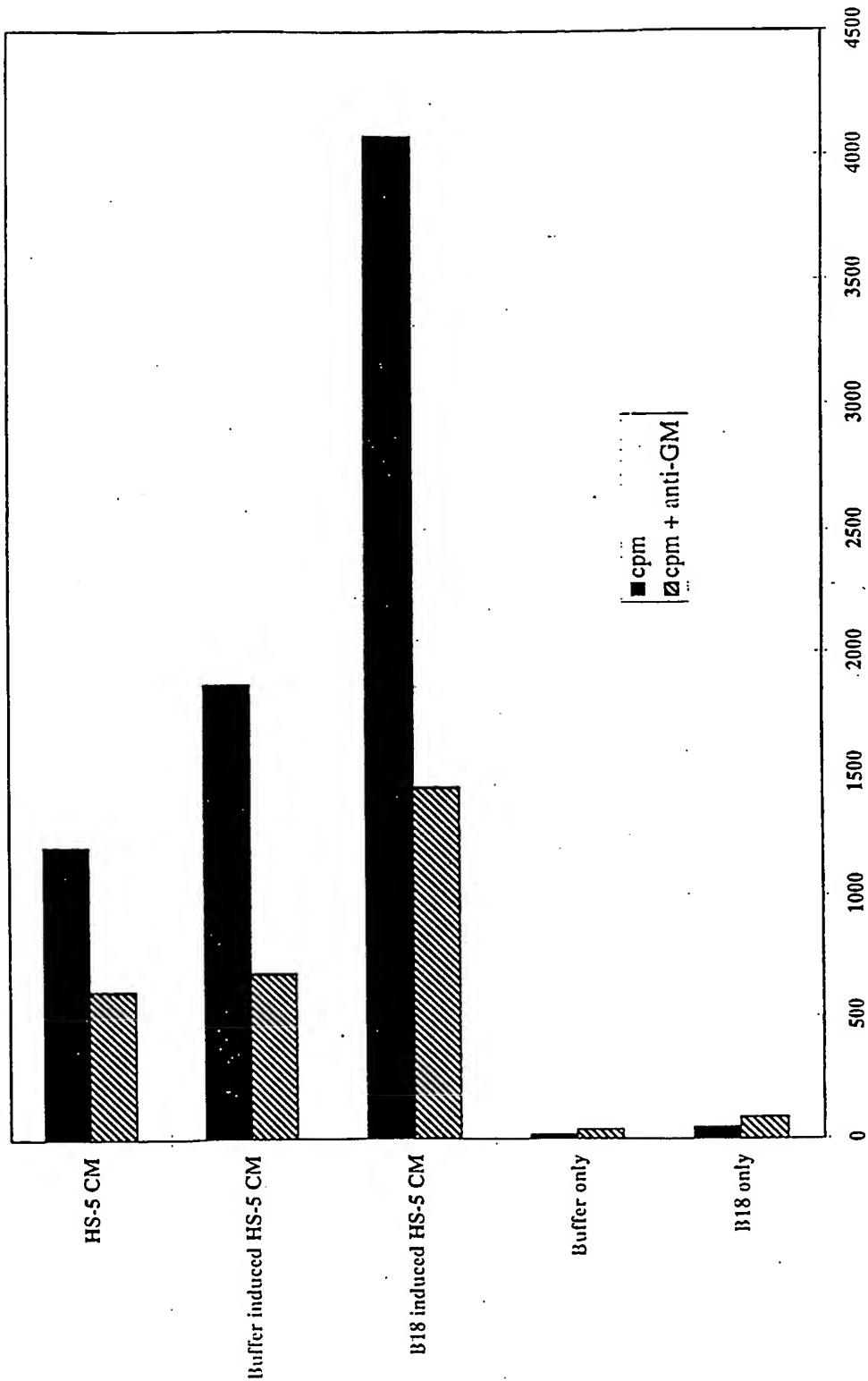


Fig. 5

IL6 Induction from B18 on MRC5 Cells - 24 & 48hrs



Fig. 6

IL8 Production from B18 on MRC5 Cells - 24 & 48 hrs

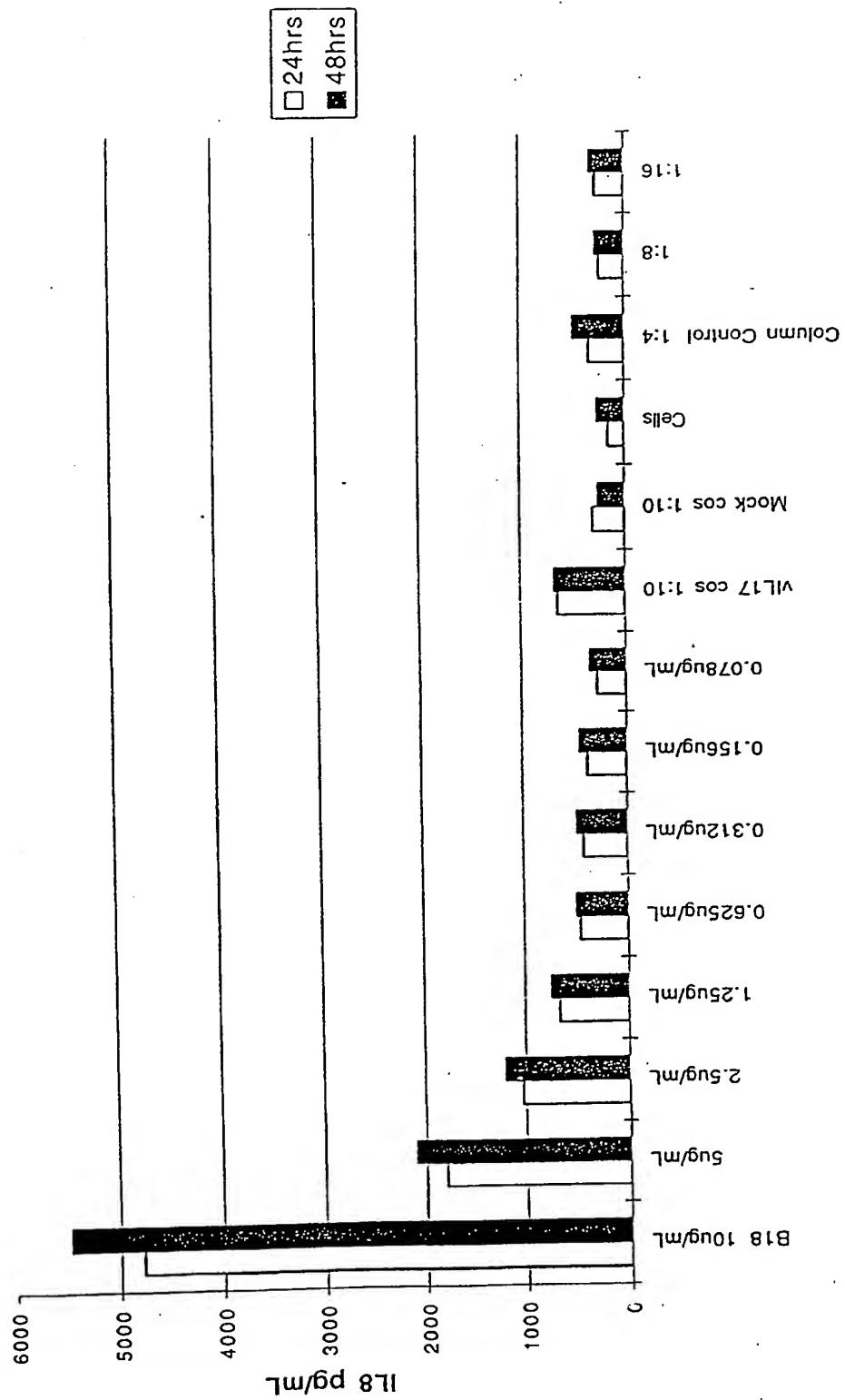


Fig. 7



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HUMAN CTLA-8 AND USES OF CTLA-8-RELATED PROTEINS

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Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to human CTLA-8 proteins, nucleic acids encoding such proteins, methods of treatment using such proteins. The invention also relates to the use of rat CTLA-8 proteins and herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13 proteins in methods of treatment.

10 Background of the Invention

Cytokines are secreted proteins which act on specific hematopoietic target cells to cause a differentiation event or on other target cells to induce a particular physiological response, such as secretion of proteins characteristic of inflammation. Cytokines, also variously known as lymphokines, hematopoietins, interleukins, colony 15 stimulating factors, and the like, can be important therapeutic agents, especially for diseases or conditions in which a specific cell population is depleted. For example, erythropoietin, G-CSF, and GM-CSF, have all become important for treatment of anemia and leukopenia, respectively. Other cytokines such as interleukin-3, interleukin-6, interleukin-11 and interleukin-12 show promise in treatment of 20 conditions such as thrombocytopenia and modulation of immune response.

For these reasons a significant research effort has been expended in searching for novel cytokines and cloning the DNAs which encode them. In the past, novel cytokines were identified by assaying a particular cell such as a bone marrow cell, for a measurable response, such as proliferation. The search for novel cytokines has thus 5 been limited by the assays available, and if a novel cytokine has an activity which is unmeasurable by a known assay, the cytokine remains undetectable. In a newer approach, cDNAs encoding cytokines have been detected using the polymerase chain

reaction (PCR) and oligonucleotide primers having homology to shared motifs of known cytokines or their receptors. The PCR approach is also limited by the necessity for knowledge of previously cloned cytokines in the same protein family. Cytokines have also been cloned using subtractive hybridization to construct and screen cDNA libraries, or they can potentially be cloned using PCR followed by gel electrophoresis to detect differentially expressed genes. The subtractive hybridization methods are based on the assumption that cytokine mRNAs are those that are differentially expressed, and these methods do not require any prior knowledge of the sequence of interest. However, many cytokines may be encoded by mRNAs which are not differentially expressed, and thus are undetectable using these methods.

10 It would be desirable to develop new methods for identifying novel cytokines and other secreted factors and to isolate polynucleotides encoding them.

Summary of the Invention

15 In developing the present invention, methods were employed which selectively identify polynucleotides which encode secreted proteins. One such polynucleotide was isolated which encodes "human CTLA-8." In accordance with the present invention, polynucleotides encoding human CTLA-8 and active fragments thereof are disclosed. "CTLA-8" is used throughout the present specification to refer to both 20 proteins and polynucleotides encoding those proteins and to refer to proteins and polynucleotides from all mammalian species.

In certain embodiments, the present invention provides an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

25 (a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 146 to nucleotide 544;

(b) a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to a nucleic acid sequence specified in (a);

(c) a nucleotide sequence varying from the sequence of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a) as a result of degeneracy of the genetic code; and

30 (d) an allelic variant of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a).

Preferably, the polynucleotide of the invention encodes a protein having CTLA-8 activity. In other embodiments the polynucleotide is operably linked to an expression control sequence. In other preferred embodiments, the polynucleotide is contained in a vector suitable for *in vivo* expression in a mammalian subject. Polynucleotides comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 55 to nucleotide 544, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 139 to nucleotide 544 or the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544 are particularly preferred.

5 Host cells transformed with the polynucleotides of the invention are also provided, including mammalian cells.

10 Processes are also provided for producing a human CTLA-8 protein, said processes comprising:

- (a) growing a culture of the host cell of the invention in a suitable culture medium; and
- 15 (b) purifying the human CTLA-8 protein from the culture.

Isolated human CTLA-8 protein is also provided which comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 11 to 163;
- 20 (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 29 to 163;
- (d) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 31 to 163;
- and
- (e) fragments of (a), (b), (c) or (d) having CTLA-8 activity.

25 Proteins comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and comprising the sequence from amino acids 29 to 163, from amino acid 31 to 163, or from amino acids 11 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2 are particularly preferred. Preferably, the protein has CTLA-8 activity. Pharmaceuticals composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier are also provided.

30 Compositions are also disclosed which comprise an antibody which specifically reacts with a human CTLA-8 protein of the invention.

Methods of treating a mammalian subject are also provided which comprise administering a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein.

5 Rat CTLA-8 and active (*i.e.*, having CTLA-8 activity) fragments thereof may also be used in such methods of treatment. Preferably the rat protein is administered as a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150;
10 and
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

15 Herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13, referred to herein as "herpes CTLA-8", and active (*i.e.*, having CTLA-8 activity) fragments thereof and active fragments thereof may also be used in such methods of treatment. Preferably the herpes CTLA-8 protein is administered as a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151;
20 and
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

25 The invention also provides a method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and IL-17 or an active fragment thereof.

30 In methods of treatment provided by the present invention, preferably the subject is treated to produce an effect selected from the group consisting of inhibition of angiogenesis, inhibition of growth or proliferation of vascular endothelial cells, inhibition of tumor growth, inhibition of angiogenesis-dependent tissue growth, proliferation of myeloid cells or progenitors, proliferation of erythroid cells or progenitors, proliferation of lymphoid cells or progenitors, induction of IFN γ production, induction of IL-3 production and induction of GM-CSF production.

Brief Description of the Figures

Fig. 1 is a comparison of homologous regions of the amino acid sequences of human CTLA-8 (indicated as "B18_F1"), rat CTLA-8 (indicated as "Musctla8") and herpes CTLA-8 (indicated as "Hsvie_2").

5 Fig. 2 depicts autoradiographs demonstrating expression of human CTLA-8 in COS cells.

Fig. 3 presents data relating to the ability of human CTLA-8 to inhibit angiogenesis.

10 Figs. 4 and 5 present data relating to the ability of human CTLA-8 to produce or induce hematopoietic activity.

Figs. 6 and 7 present data demonstrating the ability of human CTLA-8 to induce production of IL-6 and IL-8.

Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

15 The inventors of the present application have identified and provided a polynucleotide encoding a human CTLA-8 protein. SEQ ID NO:1 provides the nucleotide sequence of a cDNA encoding the human CTLA-8 protein. SEQ ID NO:2 provides the amino acid sequence of the human CTLA-8 protein. Alternatively, the initiating methionine may be at amino acid 11 of SEQ ID NO:2. On the basis of 20 amino terminal sequencing, the mature protein sequence is believed to begin at amino acid 31 of SEQ ID NO:2 (encoded by the sequence beginning with nucleotide 146 of SEQ ID NO:1).

25 The region from amino acid 29 to amino acid 163 of human CTLA-8 (SEQ ID NO:2) shows marked homology to portions of rat CTLA-8 (amino acids 18 to 150 of SEQ ID NO:4) and herpesvirus *Saimiri* ORF13 ("herpes CTLA-8") (amino acids 19 to 151 of SEQ ID NO:5). A cDNA sequence encoding rat CTLA-8 is listed at SEQ ID NO:3 and its corresponding amino acid sequence is reported at SEQ ID NO:4. A cDNA sequence encoding herpes CTLA-8 is listed at SEQ ID NO:5 and its corresponding amino acid sequence is reported at SEQ ID NO:6. Homology between 30 rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 was reported by Rouvier et al., J. Immunol. 1993, 150, 5445-5456.

Applicants had previously incorrectly identified the rat sequences of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4 as applying to murine CTLA-8. Applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) does also show homology to the true murine CTLA-8 sequence.

5 Golstein et al. (WO95/18826; Fossiez et al., Microbial Evasion and Subversion of Immunity 544:3222 (Abstract)) have also reported a species they initially identified as "human CTLA-8." However, examination of the sequence of the Golstein et al. species and the human CTLA-8 (B18) sequence of the present invention readily reveals that they are two different proteins, although they are homologous with each other and with the rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 identified herein. The Golstein et al. species has now been renamed as interleukin-17 (IL-17). Because of the homology between applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) and IL-17, these proteins are 10 expected to share some activities.

15 It has also been preliminarily determined that human CTLA-8 (B18) forms homodimers when expressed. As a result, human CTLA-8 proteins may possess activity in either monomeric or dimeric forms. Human CTLA-8 proteins can also be produced as heterodimers with rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins and with human IL-17. These heterodimers are also expected to have activities of the proteins of which they are comprised.

20 Forms of human CTLA-8 protein of less than full length are encompassed within the present invention and may be produced by expressing a corresponding fragment of the polynucleotide encoding the human CTLA-8 protein (SEQ ID NO:1). These corresponding polynucleotide fragments are also part of the present invention. Modified polynucleotides as described above may be made by standard molecular biology techniques, including site-directed mutagenesis methods which are known in 25 the art or by the polymerase chain reaction using appropriate oligonucleotide primers.

30 For the purposes of the present invention, a protein has "CTLA-8 activity" if it either (1) displays biological activity in a factor-dependent cell proliferation assay (preferably an assay in which full-length the corresponding species full-length CTLA-8 is active) (including without limitation those assays described below), or (2) induces expression or secretion of γ -IFN, or (3) displays chemoattractant of chemotactic activity in a chemoattraction or chemotaxis assay (preferably as assay in which full-

length the corresponding species full-length CTLA-8 is active) or (4) induces expression of secretion of IL-3 or GM-CSF.

5 Human CTLA-8 protein or fragments thereof having CTLA-8 activity may be fused to carrier molecules such as immunoglobulins. For example, human CTLA-8 protein may be fused through "linker" sequences to the Fc portion of an immunoglobulin.

10 The invention also encompasses allelic variations of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, that is, naturally-occurring alternative forms of the isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1 which also encode human CTLA-8 or CTLA-8 proteins having CTLA-8 activity. Also included in the invention are isolated 15 polynucleotides which hybridize to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 under highly stringent (0.2xSSC at 65°C), stringent (e.g. 4xSSC at 65°C or 50% formamide and 4xSSC at 42°C), or relaxed (4xSSC at 50°C or 30-40% formamide and 4xSSC at 42°C) conditions. Isolated polynucleotides which encode human CTLA-8 protein but which differ from the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 by virtue of the degeneracy of the genetic code are also encompassed by the present invention. Variations in the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 which are caused by point mutations or by induced modifications which enhance CTLA-8 activity, half-life or production level are also included in the invention.

20 The isolated polynucleotides of the invention may be operably linked to an expression control sequence such as the pMT2 or pED expression vectors disclosed in Kaufman et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19, 4485-4490 (1991), in order to produce the CTLA-8 protein recombinantly. Many suitable expression control sequences are known in the art. General methods of expressing recombinant proteins are also known 25 and are exemplified in R. Kaufman, *Methods in Enzymology* 185, 537-566 (1990). As defined herein "operably linked" means enzymatically or chemically ligated to form a covalent bond between the isolated polynucleotide of the invention and the expression control sequence, in such a way that the CTLA-8 protein is expressed by a host cell which has been transformed (transfected) with the ligated 30 polynucleotide/expression control sequence.

A number of types of cells may act as suitable host cells for expression of the human CTLA-8 protein. Any cell type capable of expressing functional human CTLA-8 protein may be used. Suitable mammalian host cells include, for example, monkey COS cells, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells, human kidney 293 cells, 5 human epidermal A431 cells, human Colo205 cells, 3T3 cells, CV-1 cells, other transformed primate cell lines, normal diploid cells, cell strains derived from in vitro culture of primary tissue, primary explants, HeLa cells, mouse L cells, BHK, HL-60, U937, HaK, Rat2, BaF3, 32D, FDCP-1, PC12 or C2C12 cells.

10 The human CTLA-8 protein may also be produced by operably linking the isolated polynucleotide of the invention to suitable control sequences in one or more insect expression vectors, and employing an insect expression system. Materials and methods for baculovirus/insect cell expression systems are commercially available in kit form from, e.g., Invitrogen, San Diego, California, U.S.A. (the MaxBac® kit), and such methods are well known in the art, as described in Summers and Smith, Texas 15 Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 1555 (1987), incorporated herein by reference. Soluble forms of the human CTLA-8 protein may also be produced in insect cells using appropriate isolated polynucleotides as described above.

20 Alternatively, the human CTLA-8 protein may be produced in lower eukaryotes such as yeast or in prokaryotes such as bacteria. Suitable yeast strains include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, *Kluyveromyces* strains, *Candida*, or any yeast strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins. Suitable bacterial strains include *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, or any bacterial strain capable of expressing heterologous proteins.

25 The human CTLA-8 protein of the invention may also be expressed as a product of transgenic animals, e.g., as a component of the milk of transgenic cows, goats, pigs, or sheep which are characterized by somatic or germ cells containing a polynucleotide sequence encoding the human CTLA-8 protein.

30 The human CTLA-8 protein of the invention may be prepared by growing a culture of transformed host cells under culture conditions necessary to express the desired protein. The resulting expressed protein may then be purified from the culture medium or cell extracts. Soluble forms of the human CTLA-8 protein of the invention

can be purified from conditioned media. Membrane-bound forms of human CTLA-8 protein of the invention can be purified by preparing a total membrane fraction from the expressing cell and extracting the membranes with a non-ionic detergent such as Triton X-100.

5 The human CTLA-8 protein can be purified using methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, the human CTLA-8 protein of the invention can be concentrated using a commercially available protein concentration filter, for example, an Amicon or Millipore Pellicon ultrafiltration unit. Following the concentration step, the concentrate can be applied to a purification matrix such as a gel filtration medium.

10 Alternatively, an anion exchange resin can be employed, for example, a matrix or substrate having pendant diethylaminoethyl (DEAE) groups. The matrices can be acrylamide, agarose, dextran, cellulose or other types commonly employed in protein purification. Alternatively, a cation exchange step can be employed. Suitable cation exchangers include various insoluble matrices comprising sulfopropyl or carboxymethyl groups. Sulfopropyl groups are preferred (e.g., S-Sepharose® columns). The purification of the human CTLA-8 protein from culture supernatant may also include one or more column steps over such affinity resins as concanavalin A-agarose, heparin-toyopearl® or Cibacrom blue 3GA Sepharose®; or by hydrophobic interaction chromatography using such resins as phenyl ether, butyl ether, 15 or propyl ether; or by immunoaffinity chromatography. Finally, one or more reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) steps employing hydrophobic RP-HPLC media, e.g., silica gel having pendant methyl or other aliphatic groups, can be employed to further purify the human CTLA-8 protein. Some or all of the foregoing purification steps, in various combinations or with other known 20 methods, can also be employed to provide a substantially purified isolated 25 recombinant protein.

Preferably, the human CTLA-8 protein is purified so that it is substantially free of other mammalian proteins.

It is believed that human CTLA-8, active fragments and variants thereof, and 30 CTLA-8 related proteins (such as, for example, rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8) (collectively "CTLA-8 proteins") possess or induce cytokine activities. Human

5 CTLA-8 expression correlated with γ -IFN expression in induced primary cells and can induce the expression of IL-3 and/or GM-CSF, which expression can in turn produce effects associated with the induced cytokine. Therefore, human CTLA-8 and CTLA-8 related proteins may have an effect on proliferation or function of myeloid cells, erythroid cells, lymphoid cells and their progenitors. Human CTLA-8 proteins may also play a role in formation of platelets or their progenitors.

10 A protein of the present invention may exhibit cytokine, cell proliferation (either inducing or inhibiting) or cell differentiation (either inducing or inhibiting) activity or may induce production of other cytokines in certain cell populations. Many protein factors discovered to date, including all known cytokines, have exhibited activity in one or more factor dependent cell proliferation assays, and hence the assays serve as a convenient confirmation of cytokine activity. The activity of a protein of the present invention is evidenced by any one of a number of routine factor dependent cell proliferation assays for cell lines including, without limitation, 32D, DA2, DA1G, 15 T10, B9, B9/11, BaF3, MC9/G, M+ (preB M+), 2E8, RB5, DA1, 123, T1165, HT2, CTLL2, TF-1, Mo7e and CMK.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

20 Assays for T-cell or thymocyte proliferation include without limitation those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 145:1706-1712, 1990; 25 Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341, 1991; Bertagnolli, et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992; Bowman et al., J. Immunol. 152: 1756-1761, 1994.

30 Assays for cytokine production and/or proliferation of spleen cells, lymph node cells or thymocytes include, without limitation, those described in: Polyclonal T cell stimulation, Kruisbeek, A.M. and Shevach, E.M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.12.1-3.12.14, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994; and Measurement of mouse and human Interferon γ , Schreiber, R.D.

In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.8.1-6.8.8, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

Assays for proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic and lymphopoietic cells include, without limitation, those described in: Measurement of Human and Murine Interleukin 2 and Interleukin 4, Bottomly, K., Davis, L.S. and Lipsky, P.E. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.3.1-6.3.12, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; deVries et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 173:1205-1211, 1991; Moreau et al., *Nature* 336:690-692, 1988; Greenberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 80:2931-2938, 1983; Measurement of mouse and human interleukin 6 - Nordan, R. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.6.1-6.6.5, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; Smith et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 83:1857-1861, 1986; Measurement of human Interleukin 11 - Bennett, F., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K. J. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.15.1 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991; Measurement of mouse and human Interleukin 9 - Ciarletta, A., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.13.1, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1991.

Assays for T-cell clone responses to antigens (which will identify, among others, proteins that affect APC-T cell interactions as well as direct T-cell effects by measuring proliferation and cytokine production) include, without limitation, those described in: *Current Protocols in Immunology*, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober

Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, *In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function*; Chapter 6, *Cytokines and their cellular receptors*; Chapter 7, *Immunologic studies in Humans*); Weinberger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:6091-6095, 1980; Weinberger et al., *Eur. J. Immun.* 11:405-411, 1981; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., *J. Immunol.* 140:508-512, 1988.

A protein of the present invention may also exhibit immune stimulating or immune suppressing activity, including without limitation the activities for which assays are described herein. A protein may be useful in the treatment of various

immune deficiencies and disorders (including severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)), e.g., in regulating (up or down) growth and proliferation of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as effecting the cytolytic activity of NK cells and other cell populations. These immune deficiencies may be genetic or be caused by viral (e.g., 5 HIV) as well as bacterial or fungal infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases causes by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using a protein of the present invention, including infections by HIV, hepatitis viruses, herpes viruses, mycobacteria, leshmania, malaria and various fungal infections such as candida. Of course, in this regard, a protein of 10 the present invention may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally would be indicated, i.e., in the treatment of cancer.

Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using a protein of the present invention include, for example, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, 15 autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitis, myasthenia gravis, graft-versus-host disease and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. Such a protein of the present invention may also be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma or other respiratory problems. Other conditions, in which immune suppression is desired (including, for example, asthma and related respiratory 20 conditions), may also be treatable using a protein of the present invention.

A protein of the present invention may also suppress chronic or acute inflammation, such as, for example, that associated with infection (such as septic shock or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or resulting from over production of cytokines such as TNF 25 or IL-1 (such as the effect demonstrated by IL-11).

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for thymocyte or splenocyte cytotoxicity include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, 30 A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte

Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-2492, 1981; Herrmann et al., J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974, 1982; Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572, 1985; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; 5 Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-2492, 1981; Herrmann et al., J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974, 1982; Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572, 1985; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Bowman et al., J. Virology 61:1992-1998; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341, 1991; Brown et al., J. Immunol. 153:3079-3092, 1994.

10 Assays for T-cell-dependent immunoglobulin responses and isotype switching (which will identify, among others, proteins that modulate T-cell dependent antibody responses and that affect Th1/Th2 profiles) include, without limitation, those described in: Maliszewski, J. Immunol. 144:3028-3033, 1990; and Assays for B cell function: *In vitro* antibody production, Mond, J.J. and Brunswick, M. In *Current Protocols in Immunology*. J.E.e.a. Coligan eds. Vol 1 pp. 3.8.1-3.8.16, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. 1994.

15 Mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR) assays (which will identify, among others, proteins that generate predominantly Th1 and CTL responses) include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J. E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing 20 Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 3, In Vitro assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19; Chapter 7, Immunologic studies in Humans); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500, 1986; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512, 1988; Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783, 1992.

25 Dendritic cell-dependent assays (which will identify, among others, proteins expressed by dendritic cells that activate naive T-cells) include, without limitation, those described in: Guery et al., J. Immunol. 134:536-544, 1995; Inaba et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 173:549-559, 1991; Macatonia et al., Journal of Immunology 154:5071-5079, 1995; Porgador et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 30 182:255-260, 1995; Nair et al., Journal of Virology 67:4062-4069, 1993; Huang et al., Science 264:961-965, 1994; Macatonia et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine

169:1255-1264, 1989; Bhardwaj et al., *Journal of Clinical Investigation* 94:797-807, 1994; and Inaba et al., *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 172:631-640, 1990.

Assays for lymphocyte survival/apoptosis (which will identify, among others, proteins that prevent apoptosis after superantigen induction and proteins that regulate lymphocyte homeostasis) include, without limitation, those described in: Darzynkiewicz et al., *Cytometry* 13:795-808, 1992; Gorczyca et al., *Leukemia* 7:659-670, 1993; Gorczyca et al., *Cancer Research* 53:1945-1951, 1993; Itoh et al., *Cell* 66:233-243, 1991; Zacharchuk, *Journal of Immunology* 145:4037-4045, 1990; Zamai et al., *Cytometry* 14:891-897, 1993; Gorczyca et al., *International Journal of Oncology* 1:639-648, 1992.

Assays for proteins that influence early steps of T-cell commitment and development include, without limitation, those described in: Antica et al., *Blood* 84:111-117, 1994; Fine et al., *Cellular Immunology* 155:111-122, 1994; Galy et al., *Blood* 85:2770-2778, 1995; Toki et al., *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* 88:7548-7551, 1991.

A protein of the present invention may be useful in regulation of hematopoiesis and, consequently, in the treatment of myeloid or lymphoid cell deficiencies. Even marginal biological activity in support of colony forming cells or of factor-dependent cell lines indicates involvement in regulating hematopoiesis, e.g. in supporting the growth and proliferation of erythroid progenitor cells alone or in combination with other cytokines, thereby indicating utility, for example, in treating various anemias or for use in conjunction with irradiation/chemotherapy to stimulate the production of erythroid precursors and/or erythroid cells; in supporting the growth and proliferation of myeloid cells such as granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages (i.e., traditional CSF activity) useful, for example, in conjunction with chemotherapy to prevent or treat consequent myelo-suppression; in supporting the growth and proliferation of megakaryocytes and consequently of platelets thereby allowing prevention or treatment of various platelet disorders such as thrombocytopenia, and generally for use in place of or complimentarily to platelet transfusions; and/or in supporting the growth and proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells which are capable of maturing to any and all of the above-mentioned hematopoietic cells and therefore find therapeutic utility.

in various stem cell disorders (such as those usually treated with transplantation, including, without limitation, aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), as well as in repopulating the stem cell compartment post irradiation/chemotherapy, either *in-vivo* or *ex-vivo* (i.e. in conjunction with bone marrow transplantation) as normal cells or genetically manipulated for gene therapy.

5 The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Suitable assays for proliferation and differentiation of various hematopoietic lines are cited above.

10 Assays for embryonic stem cell differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that influence embryonic differentiation hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Johansson et al. *Cellular Biology* 15:141-151, 1995; Keller et al., *Molecular and Cellular Biology* 13:473-486, 1993; McClanahan et al., *Blood* 81:2903-2915, 1993.

15 Assays for stem cell survival and differentiation (which will identify, among others, proteins that regulate lympho-hematopoiesis) include, without limitation, those described in: Methylcellulose colony forming assays, Freshney, M.G. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 265-268, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Hirayama et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:5907-5911, 1992; Primitive hematopoietic colony forming cells with high proliferative potential, McNiece, I.K. and Briddell, R.A. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 23-39, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Neben et al., *Experimental Hematology* 22:353-359, 1994; Cobblestone area forming cell assay, Ploemacher, R.E. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 1-21, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Long term bone marrow cultures in the presence of stromal cells, Spooncer, E., Dexter, M. and Allen, T. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 163-179, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994; Long term culture initiating cell assay, Sutherland, H.J. In *Culture of Hematopoietic Cells*. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 139-162, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. 1994.

CTLA-8 proteins are useful in the treatment of various immune deficiencies and disorders (including SCID), *e.g.*, in regulating (up or down) growth, proliferation and/or activity of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as the cytolytic activity of NK cells. These immune deficiencies may be caused by viral (*e.g.*, HIV) as well as bacterial infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases caused by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using CTLA-8 proteins, including infections by HIV, hepatitis, influenza, CMV, herpes, mycobacterium, leishmaniasis, malaria and various fungal infections (such as candida). Of course, in this regard, the CTLA-8 proteins may also be useful where a boost to the immune system generally would be indicated, *i.e.*, in the treatment of cancer or as an adjuvant to vaccines. Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using factors of the present invention include, for example, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes melitis and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. The CTLA-8 proteins are also expected to be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions.

CTLA-8 proteins are also expected to have chemotactic activity. A protein or peptide has "chemotactic activity," as used herein, if it can stimulate, directly or indirectly, the directed orientation or movement of cells, including myeloid and lymphoid cells. Preferably, the protein or peptide has the ability to directly stimulate directed movement of cells (particularly T-cells). Whether a particular protein or peptide has chemotactic activity for cells can be readily determined by employing such protein or peptide in any known assay for cell chemotaxis.

CTLA-8 proteins also inhibit growth and proliferation of vascular endothelial cells. As a result, human CTLA-8 proteins are effective in inhibiting angiogenesis (*i.e.*, vascular formation). This activity will also be useful in the treatment of tumors and other conditions in which angiogenesis is involved. Inhibition of angiogenesis by human CTLA-8 proteins will also result in inhibition or prevention of the condition to which normal angiogenesis would contribute.

Isolated CTLA-8 proteins, purified from cells or recombinantly produced, may be used as a pharmaceutical composition when combined with a pharmaceutically

acceptable carrier. Such a composition may contain, in addition to CTLA-8 protein and carrier, diluents, fillers, salts, buffers, stabilizers, solubilizers, and other materials well known in the art. The term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means a non-toxic material that does not interfere with the effectiveness of the biological activity of the 5 active ingredient(s). The characteristics of the carrier will depend on the route of administration. The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may also contain cytokines, lymphokines, or other hematopoietic factors such as M-CSF, GM-CSF, IL-1, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-7, IL-8, IL-9, IL-10, IL-11, IL-12, IL-15, G-CSF, γ -IFN, stem cell factor, and erythropoietin. The pharmaceutical composition may 10 contain thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors such as plasminogen activator and Factor VIII. The pharmaceutical composition may further contain other anti-inflammatory agents. Such additional factors and/or agents may be included in the pharmaceutical composition to produce a synergistic effect with CTLA-8 protein, or to minimize side effects caused by the CTLA-8 protein. Conversely, CTLA-8 protein 15 may be included in formulations of the particular cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent to minimize side effects of the cytokine, lymphokine, other hematopoietic factor, thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factor, or anti-inflammatory agent.

The pharmaceutical composition of the invention may be in the form of a 20 liposome in which CTLA-8 protein is combined, in addition to other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, with amphipathic agents such as lipids which exist in aggregated form as micelles, insoluble monolayers, liquid crystals, or lamellar layers which in aqueous solution. Suitable lipids for liposomal formulation include, without limitation, monoglycerides, diglycerides, sulfatides, lysolecithin, phospholipids, 25 saponin, bile acids, and the like. Preparation of such liposomal formulations is within the level of skill in the art, as disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 4,235,871; U.S. Patent No. 4,501,728; U.S. Patent No. 4,837,028; and U.S. Patent No. 4,737,323, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" means the total 30 amount of each active component of the pharmaceutical composition or method that is sufficient to show a meaningful patient benefit, e.g., amelioration of symptoms of,

healing of, or increase in rate of healing of such conditions. When applied to an individual active ingredient, administered alone, the term refers to that ingredient alone. When applied to a combination, the term refers to combined amounts of the active ingredients that result in the therapeutic effect, whether administered in combination, serially or simultaneously.

5 In practicing the method of treatment or use of the present invention, a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered to a mammal. CTLA-8 protein may be administered in accordance with the method of the invention either alone or in combination with other therapies such as treatments employing 10 cytokines, lymphokines or other hematopoietic factors. When co-administered with one or more cytokines, lymphokines, other hematopoietic factors or vaccine components (such as antigens or other adjuvants), CTLA-8 protein may be administered either simultaneously with the cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors, or sequentially. If 15 administered sequentially, the attending physician will decide on the appropriate sequence of administering CTLA-8 protein in combination with cytokine(s), lymphokine(s), other hematopoietic factor(s), thrombolytic or anti-thrombotic factors.

20 Administration of CTLA-8 protein used in the pharmaceutical composition or to practice the method of the present invention can be carried out in a variety of conventional ways, such as oral ingestion, inhalation, or cutaneous, subcutaneous, or intravenous injection. Intravenous administration to the patient is preferred.

25 When a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered orally, CTLA-8 protein will be in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, solution or elixir. When administered in tablet form, the pharmaceutical composition of the invention may additionally contain a solid carrier such as a gelatin or an adjuvant. The tablet, capsule, and powder contain from about 5 to 95% CTLA-8 protein, and preferably from about 25 to 90% CTLA-8 protein. When administered in liquid form, a liquid carrier such as water, petroleum, oils of animal or plant origin such as peanut oil, mineral oil, soybean oil, or sesame oil, or synthetic oils may be added. The liquid 30 form of the pharmaceutical composition may further contain physiological saline solution, dextrose or other saccharide solution, or glycols such as ethylene glycol,

propylene glycol or polyethylene glycol. When administered in liquid form, the pharmaceutical composition contains from about 0.5 to 90% by weight of CTLA-8 protein, and preferably from about 1 to 50% CTLA-8 protein.

When a therapeutically effective amount of CTLA-8 protein is administered
5 by intravenous, cutaneous or subcutaneous injection, CTLA-8 protein will be in the form of a pyrogen-free, parenterally acceptable aqueous solution. The preparation of such parenterally acceptable protein solutions, having due regard to pH, isotonicity, stability, and the like, is within the skill in the art. A preferred pharmaceutical composition for intravenous, cutaneous, or subcutaneous injection should contain, in
10 addition to CTLA-8 protein an isotonic vehicle such as Sodium Chloride Injection, Ringer's Injection, Dextrose Injection, Dextrose and Sodium Chloride Injection, Lactated Ringer's Injection, or other vehicle as known in the art. The pharmaceutical composition of the present invention may also contain stabilizers, preservatives, buffers, antioxidants, or other additive known to those of skill in the art.

15 The amount of CTLA-8 protein in the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will depend upon the nature and severity of the condition being treated, and on the nature of prior treatments which the patient has undergone. Ultimately, the attending physician will decide the amount of CTLA-8 protein with which to treat each individual patient. Initially, the attending physician will
20 administer low doses of CTLA-8 protein and observe the patient's response. Larger doses of CTLA-8 protein may be administered until the optimal therapeutic effect is obtained for the patient, and at that point the dosage is not generally increased further. It is contemplated that the various pharmaceutical compositions used to practice the method of the present invention should contain about 0.1 μ g to about 100 mg of
25 CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 10 mg of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, more preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 100 μ g of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight, most preferably preferably about 0.1 μ g to about 10 μ g of CTLA-8 protein per kg body weight.

30 The duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention will vary, depending on the severity of the disease being treated and the condition and potential idiosyncratic response of each individual patient. It

is contemplated that the duration of each application of the CTLA-8 protein will be in the range of 12 to 24 hours of continuous intravenous administration. Ultimately the attending physician will decide on the appropriate duration of intravenous therapy using the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention.

5 CTLA-8 protein of the invention may also be used to immunize animals to obtain polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies which specifically react with the CTLA-8 protein and which may inhibit CTLA-8 binding to its receptor. Such antibodies are also useful for performing diagnostics assays for CTLA-8 in accordance with known methods. Such antibodies may be obtained using the entire CTLA-8 protein as an 10 immunogen, or by using fragments of human CTLA-8 protein. The peptide immunogens additionally may contain a cysteine residue at the carboxyl terminus, and are conjugated to a hapten such as keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH). Additional peptide immunogens may be generated by replacing tyrosine residues with sulfated tyrosine residues. Methods for synthesizing such peptides are known in the art, for 15 example, as in R.P. Merrifield, J.Amer.Chem.Soc. 85, 2149-2154 (1963); J.L. Krstenansky, et al., FEBS Lett. 211, 10 (1987).

Neutralizing or non-neutralizing antibodies (preferably monoclonal antibodies) binding to human CTLA-8 protein may also be useful therapeutics for certain tumors and also in the treatment of conditions described above. These neutralizing 20 monoclonal antibodies are capable of blocking the ligand binding to the human CTLA-8 protein or may promote clearance of protein from the patient.

Because of their homology to human CTLA-8, rat CTLA-8 proteins, herpes 25 CTLA-8 proteins and IL-17 proteins (the "human CTLA-8" of Golstein et al., *supra*) will also possess CTLA-8 activity as described above. As a result, rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins and IL-17 proteins, as well as active fragments and variants thereof, can be used in preparation of pharmaceutical compositions and in methods of treatment as described for human CTLA-8. Rat and herpes CTLA-8 proteins, and active fragments and variants thereof, can be produced as described above using the 30 polynucleotides (or fragments or variants thereof) described in SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:5, respectively. Rat and herpes CTLA-8 may also be produced as described in Rouvier et al., *J. Immunol.* 1993, 150, 5445-5456. CTLA-8 proteins of other

species can also be used as described herein. cDNAs encoding rat CTLA-8 and herpes CTLA-8 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on July 6, 1995 and assigned accession numbers ATCC 69867 and ATCC 69866, respectively. IL-17 proteins may also be produced as described in Golstein et al., *supra*.

5 Because of its homology to IL-17, the human CTLA-8 (B18) proteins of the present invention may also share some activities with IL-17.

For the purposes of treatment or therapy, any of the proteins discussed or disclosed herein may be administered by *in vivo* expression of the protein in a mammalian subject. In such instances, a polynucleotide encoding the desired protein 10 is administered to the subject in manner allowing expression in accordance with known methods, including without limitation the adenovirus methods disclosed herein.

Example 1

Isolation of Human CTLA-8 cDNA

15 A partial clone for human CTLA-8 was isolated from a cDNA library made from RNA isolated from stimulated human peripheral blood mononuclear cells. This partial was identified as "B18." B18 is sometimes used herein to refer to the human CTLA-8 of the present invention. Homology searches identified this partial clone as 20 being related to the herpes and rat CTLA-8 genes. DNA sequence of this partial clone was used to isolate the full-length clone.

In order to isolate a full-length cDNA for B18, a directional, full-length cDNA library by standard means in the COS expression vector pMV2. The cDNA library was transformed into *E. coli* by electroporation. The bulk of the original transformed 25 cDNA library was frozen in glycerol at -80°C. An aliquot was titered to measure the concentration of transformed *E. coli*. The *E. coli* were thawed, diluted to 76,000/0.1 ml in media containing ampicillin, and 0.1 ml was distributed into the wells of a microtiter dish in an 8 x 8 array. The microtiter dish was placed at 37°C overnight to grow the *E. coli*.

30 To prepare DNA for PCR, 20 µl aliquots of culture from each well were withdrawn and pooled separately for each row and column of eight wells, giving 16

pools of 160 μ l each. The *E. coli* were pelleted, resuspended in 160 μ l of standard lysis buffer consisting of 10 mM TrisHCl pH8, 1 mM EDTA, 0.01% Triton X-100, and lysed by heating to 95°C for 10 minutes.

5 To identify which of the wells contained *E. coli* transformed with B18, PCR was performed first on the DNA preps corresponding to the eight columns. The PCR consisted of two sequential reactions with nested oligonucleotides using standard conditions. The oligonucleotides used for the PCR reaction were derived from the sequence of the partial B18 clone. They were:

10 B185: CACAGGCATACACAGGAAGATACTTCA (SEQ ID NO:7)

B183: TCTTGCTGGATGGGAACGGAATTCA (SEQ ID NO:8)

B18N: ATACATTACAGAAGAGCTTCCTGCACA (SEQ ID NO:9)

15 The PCR conditions were 2.5 mM MgCl₂ and 95°C x 2 min for one cycle, 95°C x 1 min plus 68°C x 1 min for 30 cycles, and 68°C x 10 for one cycle. Each reaction was 20 μ l. The first reaction contained oligonucleotides B185 and B183 and 1 μ l of the DNA preparations. The second reaction contained oligonucleotides B183 and B18N and 1 μ l of the first reaction.

20 DNA preps that potentially contained a full-length B18 cDNA clone were identified by agarose gel electrophoresis on an aliquot of the second PCR reaction. A DNA band of the correct mobility was assumed to be derived from a B18 cDNA. Next the same sequence of PCR reactions and gel analysis was done on the DNA preps corresponding to the eight rows. The intersection of a row and a column identified well A2 as potentially containing B18, narrowing it down to the 76,000 *E. coli* originally seeded into that well.

25 To further purify the individual *E. coli* containing the putative full-length B18 cDNA clone, the concentration of *E. coli* in well A2 was measured by titering and plating dilutions of the well. Then 7600 *E. coli* were seeded into the wells of a second microtiter plate in an 8 x 8 array. The *E. coli* were grown overnight; wells were pooled, and DNA was prepared as described above. To identify which of these wells contained *E. coli* transformed with B18, sequential PCR reactions were performed

essentially as described above. Agarose gel electrophoresis identified well B2 as potentially containing a B18 cDNA.

The *E. coli* containing this cDNA was further purified by seeding wells of a microtiter plate with 253 *E. coli* per well and proceeding as for the purification of the 5 *E. coli* in well A2. Well C3 was identified as containing a putative full-length B18 cDNA clone. The exact *E. coli* was identified by plating the contents of the well onto bacterial culture media and then screening the *E. coli* colonies following established protocols. The probe for these hybridizations was a PCR fragment generated by doing a PCR reaction on the B18 clone using as primers the oligonucleotides described 10 above (SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9). When a single colony was identified, DNA was prepared and sequenced by standard methods. Comparison of this sequence to the sequence of the original partial clone confirmed identity and that the isolated cDNA was full-length.

15 The full-length clone was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on July 6, 1995 and assigned accession number ATCC 69868.

Example 2

Expression of Human CTLA-8

20 The full-length B18 clone for human CTLA-8 was transfected into COS cells which were then labelled with 35 S-methionine. An aliquot of conditioned medium from the transfected cell culture was reduced, denatured and electrophoresed on polyacrylamide gels. Autoradiographs of those gels are reproduced in Fig. 2. The band indicated by the arrow demonstrates expression of human CTLA-8.

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Example 3

Inhibition of Angiogenesis by Human CTLA-8

30 The ability of human CTLA-8 to inhibit angiogenesis was examined in an angiostatic activity assay (endothelial cell proliferation assay). The assay was done in a 96 well plate. Primary human umbilical cells (HUEVCs) were seeded to 2×10^3 cells per well in EGM medium (Clonetics)/20% FCS and incubated at 37°C for 24 hr. The cells were then starved in M199 medium (GIBCO BRL) containing 10% charcoal

treated serum (M199-CS) for 48 hr at 37°C. Conditioned media containing B18 (human CTLA-8) was obtained from transfected COS or stably expressing CHO cells and 1:10, 1:50, 1:250, and 1:1250 dilutions prepared in M199-CS medium containing 100 ng/ml FGF. The dilutions of B18 were added to the starved cells and incubated 5 for 72 hr at 37°C. The cells were then radiolabeled by [³H]-thymidine for 6 hr. Radiolabeled cells were washed with PBS and trypsinized for liquid scintillation counting. Results were plotted using Kaleidograph software. The results are shown in Fig. 3. In the figure, "Med" is the mock control, "B18" and "B18-1" were 10 conditioned medium from two independent transfections of COS with DNA encoding human CTLA-8 (B18). IFN γ was used as a positive control angiostatic (i.e., angiogenesis inhibition) activity. These data demonstrate that human CTLA-8 (B18) inhibits angiogenesis.

Example 4

15 Hematopoietic Activity of Human CTLA-8

The hematopoietic activity of human CTLA-8 (B18) expressed *in vivo* was examined by construction of a recombinant adenovirus vector.

The B18 cDNA in the expression plasmid Adori 2-12 B18 was driven by the cytomegalovirus(CMV) immediate early promoter and enhancer.

20 The Adori 2-12 vector was created by addition of an SV40 origin and enhancer to a known adenovirus vector (Barr et al., Gene Therapy 1:51 (1994); Davidson et al., Nature Genetics 3:219 (1993)). The HindIII/BamHI fragment encoding the SV40 origin and enhancer was isolated from the pMT2 mammalian expression vector, blunted with Klenow and cloned into the NaiI site (blunted with Klenow) of the Ad5 25 expression vector.

25 The vector was derived by digesting pNOT-B18 cDNA with *SaII*, filling in the 5' overhang with Klenow to generate a blunt end and digesting with *EcoRI* to isolate the B18 cDNA. The blunted- *EcoRI* B18 fragment was inserted into the restriction sites *EcoRV-EcoRI* of the adenovirus vector Adori 2-12. The CMV-B18 expression 30 cassette was located downstream of the SV40 origin and enhancer, and 0-1 map units of the left hand end of the adenovirus type 5(Ad5). The SV40 splice donor and

acceptor were located between the CMV promoter and B18 cDNA. Following the insert was SV40 poly A site, 9-16 map units of Ad5 and the puc 19 origin.

A recombinant adenovirus was generated by homologous recombination in 293 cells. *Ascl* linearized Adori 2-12 B18 and *Clal* digested AdCMVlacZ were introduced 5 into the 293 cells using lipofectamine. Recombinant adenovirus virus was isolated and amplified on 293 cells. The virus was released from infected 293 cells by three cycles of freeze-thawing. The virus was further purified by two cesium chloride centrifugation gradients and dialyzed against PBS 4°C. Following dialysis of the virus 10 glycerol was added to a concentration of 10 % and the virus was stored at - 70 °C until use. The virus was characterized by expression of the transgene, plaque forming units on 293 cells, particles/ml and Southern analysis of the virus.

A single dose of 5×10^{10} particles of recombinant adenovirus encoding B18 was injected into the tail vein of male C57/bl6 mice, age 7-8 weeks. Control mice received an adenovirus encoding B-galactosidase. Four mice from each experimental 15 group were killed on day 7 and 14. Blood was collected and automated hematologic analysis was performed using a Baker 9000. Differential counts were performed on blood smears. Tissue was harvested, fixed in formalin, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for histopathology. In the first set of experiments, serum and tissues were analyzed 7 and 14 days post injection. A slight increase in peripheral platelet counts 20 were observed. The animals that received B18 exhibited a slight increase in spleen size. Macroscopic analysis of the spleen showed an increase in splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis on day 7 compared to the control. These results showed a hematopoietic growth activity associated with B18.

In a second set of experiments 5×10^{10} particles of recombinant adenovirus 25 encoding B18 were injected into the tail vein of male C57/bl6 mice, age 17-18 weeks. Control mice received an adenovirus encoding B-galactosidase. Blood samples were collected via retro-orbital sinus on days 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, and 21. The hematologic analyses were performed on the Baker 9000 automated cell counter with murine-specific settings. Analyses included WBC, RBC, HCT and PLT counts. Blood smears 30 were prepared and stained with Wright-Geimsa for WBC differentials based on a 100 cellcount. Reticulocytes and reticulated platelets were quantitated using flow

cytometry. Four mice from each group were killed on days 7, 14, and 21. In addition to peripheral blood analysis, serum was collected via cardiac puncture for quantitation of systemic IL-6 using a commercial kit (Endogen). Spleen and liver were collected for histopathology, spleen and bone marrow hematopoietic progenitors were quantitated, 5 and bone marrow smears were prepared and stained with Wright-Geimsa for cell counts.

10 Administration of adenovirus encoding B18 resulted in a marked increase in peripheral blood neutrophils and WBC (Fig. 4). Maximum increases in neutrophils were observed at day 5 and day 7. The control mice showed little difference at day 5 and day 7. Peripheral blood neutrophils were similar in the control mice and mice that received B18 at day 21. In both the B18 and control groups an increase in white blood cells was also observed. The mice that received B18 had a greater increase in WBC between day 2 and day 7. By Day 21 a more pronounced increase was observed in the B-gal group. No other changes in cellular chemistries were observed (Table I).

15 Bone marrow cellularity was calculated from pooled femurs in each group (Table III). No significant differences were observed in either group. No significant changes were observed in bone marrow hematopoietic progenitors from day 7, 14, and 21. The CFU-GM, BFU-E and CFU-MEG in the B18 mice were similar to the B-gal control (Table II).

20 Administration of the adenovirus encoding B18 resulted in an increase in CFU-GM (myeloid) and BFU-E (erythroid) progenitors in the spleen compared to animals that received the B-gal virus on day 7. The increase in progenitors in the B18 mice was 11-fold in CFU-GM and a 52-fold in BFU-E (Table II). There was a 2-fold increase in CFU-MEG at day 7 for the B18 mice. By day 21 no significant differences 25 were observed in splenic CFU-MEG or BFU-E between the groups (Table II). A 3-fold decrease in CFU-GM was observed in mice that received adenovirus encoding B18. A slight increase in spleen size at day 7 was observed in the B18 group. This is consistent with an increase in splenic cellularity. By day 14 and day 21 spleen weights were similar to the control group (Table III). Macroscopic analysis of the 30 spleen showed an increase in splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis of the B18 mice on day 7 compared to the control.

The bone marrow myeloid: erythroid ratios (Table IV) suggest a granulocytic hyperplasia with a possible erythroid hypoplasia in mice that received adenovirus B18 on day 7. By day 21 the ratio in the B-gal group was higher. No changes were observed in the IL6 serum levels.

5 These results show a hematopoietic activity associated with the administration of adenovirus encoding B18 (human CTLA-8). Increases in neutrophils and white blood cells were observed at day 7 in animals that received B18 adenovirus. The data showed that B18 resulted in increase in splenic CFU-GM and BFU-E 7 days post administration compared to the control animals. Splenic extramedullary hematopoiesis on day 7 support that B18 exhibits a hematopoietic growth activity. 10 These data suggest that B18 may mobilize early hematopoietic precursors.

Table I: Peripheral hematology for day 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, and 21.

Study A54-0...B18 (Platelets) Day 2...4-25-96														
Group A	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts % x10 ³ /μL	ANC % x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs % x10 ³ /μL	ALC % x10 ³ /μL	Eos % x10 ³ /μL	Monos % x10 ³ /μL	RBC % x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	Abs Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	HCT % x10 ³ /μL	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR % x10 ³ /μL	Abs RPR % x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	5.4	40	2.16	54	2.92	0	6	10.88	3.65	0.40	48.0	838	11.94	99.82
B-Gel #2	7.4	25	1.65	65	4.81	3	7	12.34	2.04	0.25	56.6	900	10.10	90.90
B-Gel #3	6.6	40	2.72	52	3.54	2	6	11.26	3.26	0.37	51.8	894	9.77	87.34
B-Gel #4	8.8	23	2.02	64	5.63	1	12	12.06	2.55	0.31	54.8	840	10.63	89.29
AVG	7.1	32.0	2.18	59.0	4.23	1.5	7.8	11.82	2.88	0.33	52.8	884	10.81	91.84
SEM	0.7	4.6	0.19	3.4	0.61	0.6	1.4	0.33	0.36	0.03	1.9	17	0.40	2.76
B18 #1	11.4	59	6.73	31	5.53	1	6	11.16	4.38	0.54	52.4	1242	14.92	165.31
B18 #2	9.2	30	2.76	62	5.70	3	5	10.14	3.37	0.40	48.0	632	10.90	66.89
B18 #3	5.0	51	2.55	40	2.00	0	9	11.16	3.23	0.36	51.2	532	11.18	63.02
B18 #4	6.4	41	2.62	65	3.52	0	4	10.80	3.09	0.33	49.2	904	17.31	156.48
AVG	8.0	45.3	3.67	47.0	3.49	1.0	6.8	10.82	3.79	0.41	50.2	803	13.58	125.92
SEM	1.4	6.3	1.02	7.0	0.76	0.7	1.3	0.34	0.41	0.05	1.0	127	1.85	27.07

Study A54-4B...B18 (Platelets) Day 5...4-29-96														
Group B	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts % x10 ³ /μL	ANC % x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs % x10 ³ /μL	ALC % x10 ³ /μL	Eos % x10 ³ /μL	Monos % x10 ³ /μL	RBC % x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	Abs Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	HCT % x10 ³ /μL	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR % x10 ³ /μL	Abs RPR % x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	7.0	14	1.00	76	5.83	3	5	11.26	6.25	0.59	52.4	1082	15.51	167.62
B-Gel #2	10.6	20	2.12	76	5.27	1	1	10.72	4.71	0.50	48.4	934	17.37	172.06
B-Gel #3	8.8	18	1.51	69	6.07	2	11	11.12	3.40	0.38	51.2	916	9.55	87.48
B-Gel #4	10.8	38	4.10	66	6.26	0	4	10.02	6.21	0.63	47.0	1092	13.93	152.12
AVG	9.5	22.5	2.20	76.8	5.83	1.5	6.3	10.83	4.89	0.53	50.0	1021	14.09	145.02
SEM	0.8	6.3	0.67	4.8	0.55	0.6	2.1	0.23	0.59	0.06	1.2	41	1.87	19.87
B18 #1	14.8	18	2.66	71	10.51	1	10	12.66	2.31	0.29	57.0	1204	7.57	91.14
B18 #2	14.2	37	3.25	63	7.53	2	8	9.00	3.32	0.33	44.8	856	14.33	127.23
B18 #3	12.8	30	3.04	69	7.55	1	0	12.12	4.12	0.50	53.6	1134	10.15	115.10
B18 #4	16.0	58	9.35	37	6.92	0	5	11.04	3.03	0.43	50.8	1166	15.75	183.85
AVG	14.5	25.8	6.26	65.0	7.88	1.0	8.3	11.41	2.42	0.39	52.0	1098	11.85	122.28
SEM	1.4	8.4	1.44	7.1	0.96	0.4	1.2	0.83	0.41	0.05	2.8	71	1.88	19.81

Study A54-4B...B18 (Platelets) Day 7...4-30-96														
Group C	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts % x10 ³ /μL	ANC % x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs % x10 ³ /μL	ALC % x10 ³ /μL	Eos % x10 ³ /μL	Monos % x10 ³ /μL	RBC % x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	Abs Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	HCT % x10 ³ /μL	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR % x10 ³ /μL	Abs RPR % x10 ³ /μL
B-Gel #1	15.2	14	2.13	69	10.40	1	18	11.04	2.54	0.39	50.8	862	12.46	107.41
B-Gel #2	14.0	12	1.88	81	11.24	0	7	11.38	5.05	0.57	52.6	1104	14.91	164.61
B-Gel #3	14.8	14	2.07	73	10.04	1	10	10.72	5.42	0.59	49.8	852	11.49	108.38
AVG	14.7	13.3	1.96	74.3	10.88	0.7	11.7	11.11	4.87	0.52	51.0	873	12.85	127.13
SEM	0.4	0.7	0.14	3.5	0.62	0.3	2.6	0.14	0.58	0.06	0.9	71	1.02	16.75
B18 #1	10.4	33	6.40	62	7.95	0	5	10.14	2.93	0.50	45.2	864	12.80	110.50
B18 #2	23.4	39	8.91	63	13.46	0	8	9.48	6.05	0.57	43.5	1288	12.49	160.87
B18 #3	23.0	44	10.38	50	11.00	0	6	9.74	5.17	0.50	44.4	1076	15.41	185.81
B18 #4	12.0	15	1.92	75	9.00	0	10	9.54	2.25	0.50	43.4	1136	15.68	180.40
AVG	20.3	32.8	7.15	60.0	11.72	0.9	7.3	9.72	5.10	0.49	44.2	1081	14.15	154.62
SEM	2.8	8.3	1.96	8.6	0.90	0.5	1.1	0.18	0.78	0.07	0.4	88	3.24	11.77

Study A54-4B...B18 (Platelets) Day 10...5-3-96														
Group A	WBC x10 ³ /μL	Neuts % x10 ³ /μL	ANC % x10 ³ /μL	Lymphs % x10 ³ /μL	ALC % x10 ³ /μL	Eos % x10 ³ /μL	Monos % x10 ³ /μL	RBC % x10 ⁶ /μL	Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	Abs Retics % x10 ⁴ /μL	HCT % x10 ³ /μL	PLT x10 ³ /μL	RPR % x10 ³ /μL	
B-Gel #1	18.8	18	3.16	69	12.53	5	1	10.22	12.41	1.27	48.8	1460	16.20	236.82
B-Gel #2	13.2	16	2.11	78	13.45	1	4	10.49	6.00	0.63	48.8	1128	14.48	163.53
B-Gel #3	18.6	15	3.14	74	14.50	0	10	10.72	8.25	0.57	49.4	1338	18.68	221.84
B-Gel #4	18.6	21	3.91	72	13.39	3	4	10.64	7.59	0.70	48.4	1068	14.35	163.28
AVG	17.8	17.5	3.08	73.5	12.79	1.8	7.3	10.47	8.06	0.84	48.4	1249	18.40	183.74
SEM	1.5	1.2	0.37	2.1	0.85	0.8	1.1	0.10	1.49	0.16	0.8	91	0.55	20.78
B18 #1	14.2	33	4.29	56	7.95	5	1	9.70	11.57	1.04	50.2	1760	14.49	233.02
B18 #2	17.6	35	6.16	57	10.03	1	7	9.04	9.46	0.66	42.0	1104	18.65	206.44
B18 #3	16.2	39	6.32	57	9.23	1	3	9.74	16.77	0.79	22.4	694	20.19	260.96
B18 #4	14.2	25	3.55	56	8.37	1	8	9.30	9.83	0.92	42.0	1415	16.81	236.03
AVG	16.8	33.0	6.18	60.0	9.15	2.0	6.0	9.75	12.04	0.90	36.4	1294	19.84	240.61
SEM	2.9	2.3	0.65	2.3	0.43	0.5	1.1	0.28	1.23	0.12	1.1	70	1.59	20.84

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Table II: Bone marrow and Splenic Hematopoietic Progenitors

	CFU-MEG		CFU-GM		BFU-E		
	Bone Marrow*	B-Gal	B18	B-Gal	B18	B-Gal	B18
5	Day 7	16.0 ± 3.5	15.7 ± 3.1	307 ± 117	241 ± 78	51 ± 19	25 ± 11
	Day 14	10.7 ± 2.3	15.3 ± 1.2	233 ± 15	373 ± 35	30 ± 10	60 ± 30
	Day 21	5.7 ± 0.6	6.7 ± 3.1	170 ± 17	160 ± 27	40 ± 10	27 ± 6
10	Spleen**						
	Day 7	9.3 ± 1.6	19.5 ± 1.5	27 ± 3	298 ± 6	1.3 ± 1.2	68 ± 10
	Day 14	9.7 ± 0.6	12.7 ± 0.6	267 ± 32	197 ± 21	33 ± 6	10 ± 10
	Day 21	17.0 ± 1.0	19.3 ± 2.5	187 ± 6	73 ± 15	23 ± 6	23 ± 6

Hematopoietic precursors were determined from pooled spleen and bone marrow samples from four animals in each group. For quantitation of CFU-GM and BFU-E, either 1×10^4 bone marrow cells or 1×10^5 spleen cells were added to complete alpha methylcellulose medium (0.9% methylcellulose in alpha medium, 30% fetal bovine serum, 1% bovine serum albumin, 10-4M 2-mercaptoethanol, 2 mM L-glutamine, 2% murine spleen cell conditioned medium, and 3 U/mL erythropoietin) and aliquoted into 35 mm tissue culture dishes in a final volume of 1.0 mL. Cultures were incubated for 7 days at 37°C, and 5% CO₂. Microscopic colonies were defined as clusters of 50 or more cells. For quantitation of CFU-MEG, either 1×10^5 bone marrow cells or 1×10^6 spleen cells were added to complete alpha methylcellulose medium and incubated as described above. Megakaryocyte colonies were defined as a group of 3 or more cells.

25 *Bone marrow progenitors are represented as mean ± sd number of colonies per 10^5 cells.

**Spleen progenitors are represented as mean ± sd number of colonies per 10^6 cells.

Table III: Spleen Weights and Femur Cellularity

Spleen Wt. (Mg)	B-Gal	B18		Femur Cellularity ($\times 10^6$)	B-Gal	B18
Day 7	187 \pm 19	224 \pm 29		Day 7	28	23
Day 14	175 \pm 13	170 \pm 10		Day 14	28	27
Day 21	174 \pm 21	151 \pm 27		Day 21	28	26

5 Spleen weights were determined at time of sacrifice are represented as means \pm sd from four animals.

10 Table IV: Bone Marrow Myeloid:Erythroid Ratios

Group	Mouse #	Day 7	Day 14	Day 21
B-gal	1	1.43	2.12	5.78
	2	0.91	2.46	5.83
	3	1.62	1.03	3.66
	4		5.44	4.82
AVG		1.32	2.76	5.02
SD		0.37	0.37	1.89
B-gal	1	5.59	2.01	2.02
	2	6.51	1.25	2.13
	3	5.49	1.58	1.81
	4	0.50	2.51	2.92
AVG		4.52	1.86	2.22
SD		1.29	2.72	0.56

25 20 25 All entries represent the number of myeloid cells per 1 erythroid cell. Normal mouse ratios are approximately 1:1 to 2:1.

Example 5

30 Additional Experiments Relating to

Hematopoietic Activity of Human CTLA-8

B18 (human CTLA-8) was tested for the ability to induce production of factors having hematopoietic activity in a factor-dependent cell proliferation assay using the

human erythroleukemic cell line, TF-1 (Kitamura et al., J. Cell Physiol. 140:323 (1989)). The cells were initially grown in the presence of rhGM-CSF (100 U/ml). The cells were fed three days prior to setting up the assay. The assay conditions were as follows:

5	cells/well	5000/200 μ l
	incubation time	3 days
	pulse time	4 hours
	amount of tritiated thymidine	0.5 μ Ci/well
	counting time	1 minute
10	replicates	2

B18 alone, conditioned medium (CM) from B18 induced HS-5 cells were assayed. Buffer alone, CM from HS-5 cells induced with buffer and CM from uninduced HS-5 cells were assayed as controls. Results are shown in Fig. 5. B18 (human CTLA-8) demonstrated an ability to induce production of factors which induced TF-1 proliferation. This activity was substantially eliminated by the addition of anti-GMCSF antibodies. These data demonstrate that human CTLA-8 (B18) is able to induce hematopoiesis. Particularly, without being bound by any theory, it appears that human CTLA-8 (B18) induces production of GM-CSF and/or IL-3.

20 Example 6

Ability of Human CTLA-8 to Induce Production of IL-6 and IL-8

MRC5 cells were incubated in the presence of human CTLA-8 (B18) and production of IL-6 and IL-8 were measured. Herpes CTLA-8 (IL-17) was used as a positive control. Applicants' human CTLA-8 (B18) demonstrated titratable production of both IL-6 and IL-8 (see Figs. 6 and 7).

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 56..544

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 - (A) LENGTH: 163 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (A) LENGTH: 461 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 6..455

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 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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 (B) LOCATION: 1..453

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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5 What is claimed is:

1. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 146 to nucleotide 544;
 - 10 (b) a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to a nucleic acid sequence specified in (a);
 - 15 (c) a nucleotide sequence varying from the sequence of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a) as a result of degeneracy of the genetic code; and
 - 20 (d) an allelic variant of the nucleotide sequence specified in (a).
2. The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence encodes a protein having CTLA-8 activity.
3. The polynucleotide of claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to an expression control sequence.
4. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 55 to nucleotide 544.
- 25 5. A host cell transformed with the polynucleotide of claim 3.
6. The host cell of claim 5, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.
7. A process for producing a human CTLA-8 protein, said process comprising:
 - 30 (a) growing a culture of the host cell of claim 5 in a suitable culture medium; and
 - (b) purifying the human CTLA-8 protein from the culture.

5 8. An isolated human CTLA-8 protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 11 to 163;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 29 to 163;
- 10 (d) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 from amino acids 31 to 163; and
- (e) fragments of (a), (b), (c) or (d) having CTLA-8 activity.

9. The protein of claim 8 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

15 10. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 29 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a human CTLA-8 protein of claim 8 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20 12. A human CTLA-8 protein produced according to the process of claim 7.

13. A composition comprising an antibody which specifically reacts with a human CTLA-8 protein of claim 8.

25 14. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 11.

30 15. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4;

5 (b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150; and
(c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

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17. The method of claim 15 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 from amino acids 18 to 150.

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18. A method of treating a mammalian subject administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
(b) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151; and
(c) fragments of (a) or (b) having CTLA-8 activity.

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19. The method of claim 18 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

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20. The method of claim 18 wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 from amino acids 19 to 151.

21. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 86 to nucleotide 544.

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22. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 11 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

5 23. A method of treating a mammalian subject comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and IL-17 or an active fragment thereof.

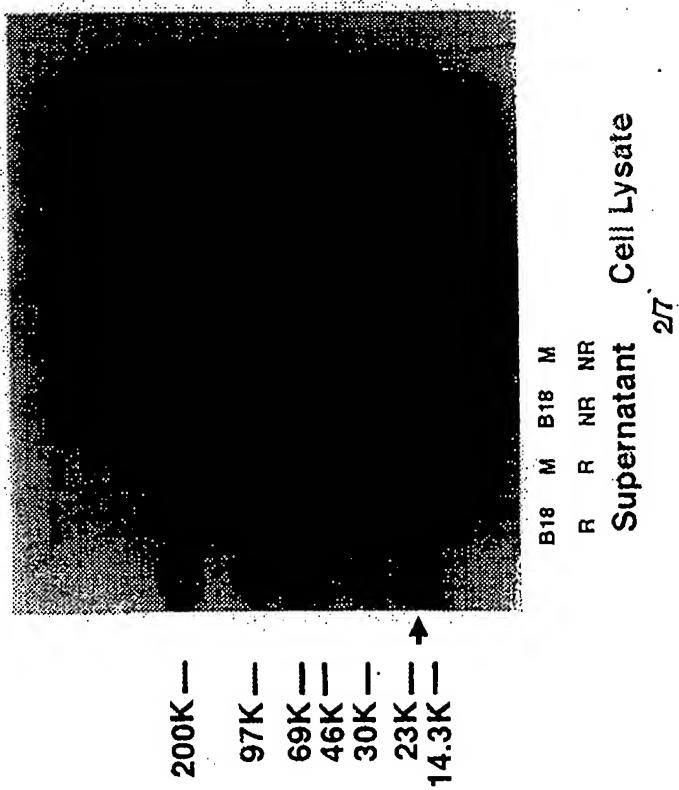
10 24. The method of claim 14, 15, 18 or 23 wherein said subject is treated to produce an effect selected from the group consisting of inhibition of angiogenesis, inhibition of growth or proliferation of vascular endothelial cells, inhibition of tumor growth, inhibition of angiogenesis-dependent tissue growth, proliferation of myeloid cells or progenitors, proliferation of erythroid cells or progenitors, proliferation of lymphoid cells or progenitors, induction of IFN γ production, induction of IL-3 production and induction of GM-CSF production.

15 25. The composition of claim 3 wherein said polynucleotide is contained in a vector suitable for *in vivo* expression in a mammalian subject.

20 26. The polynucleotide of claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from nucleotide 139 to nucleotide 544.

27. The protein of claim 8 comprising the sequence from amino acid 31 to 163 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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Figure 2

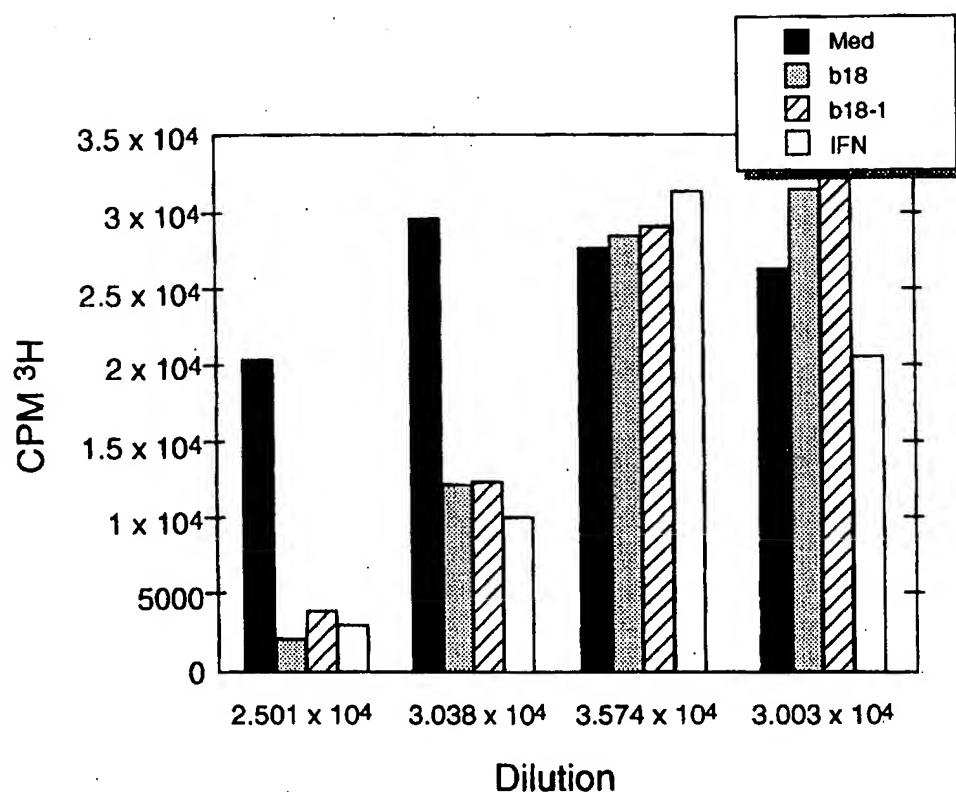


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Fig. 4A

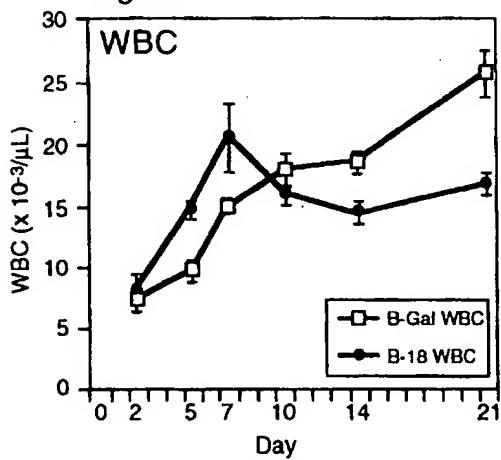


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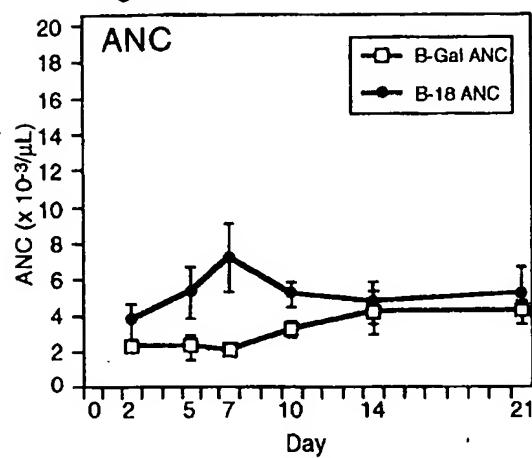


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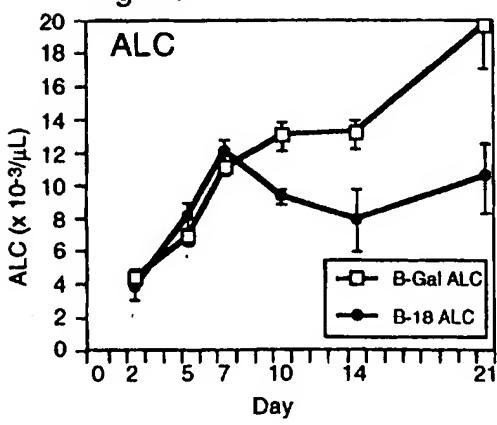
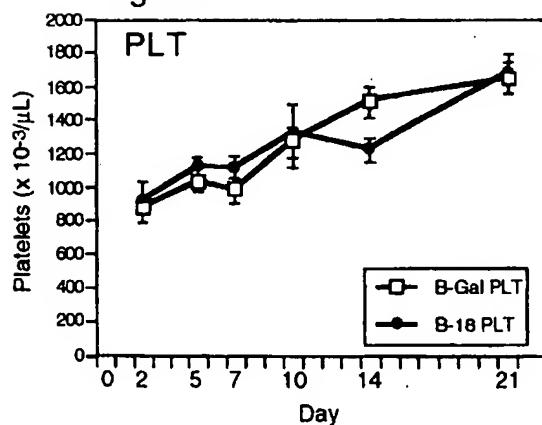


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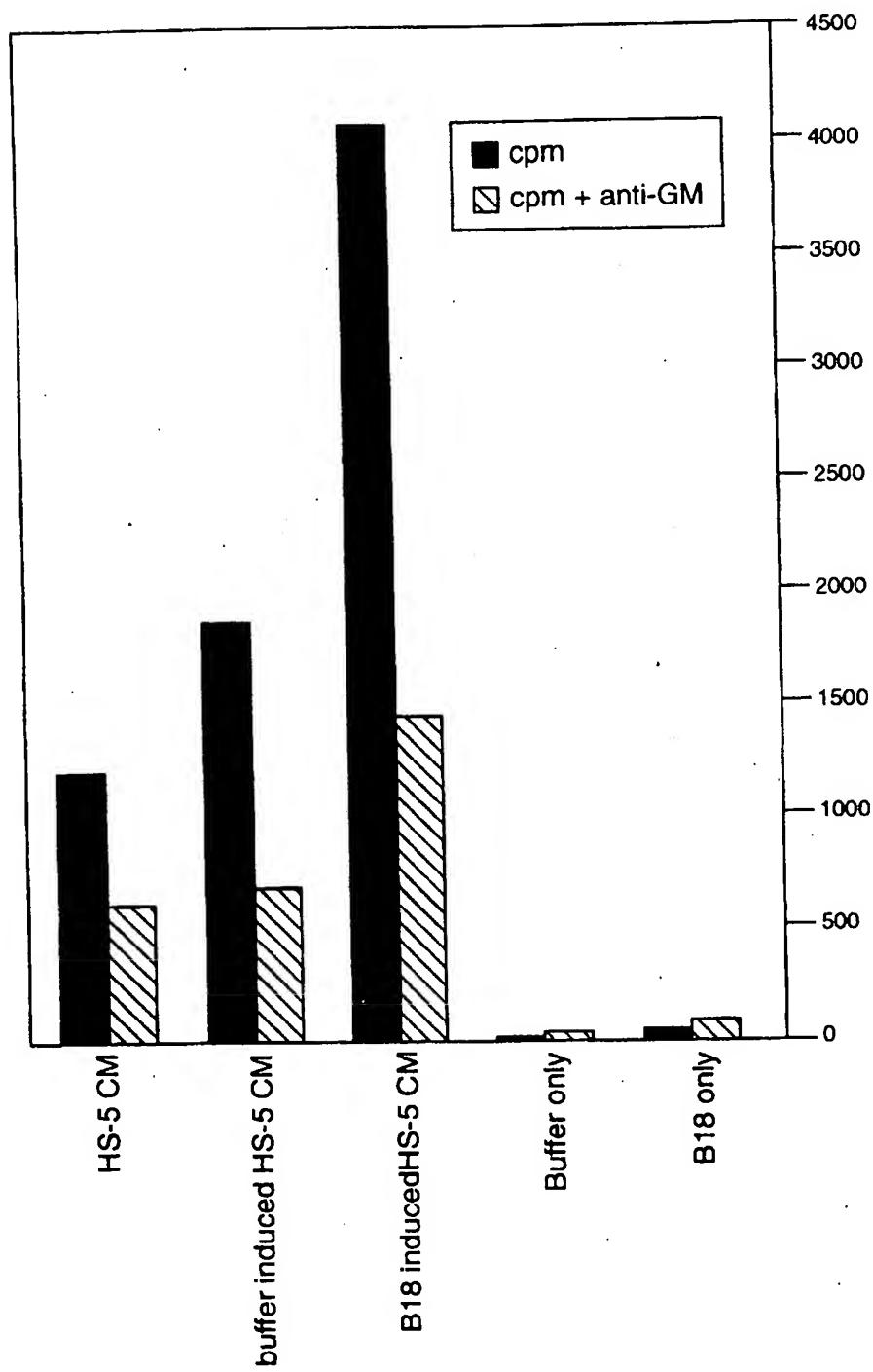


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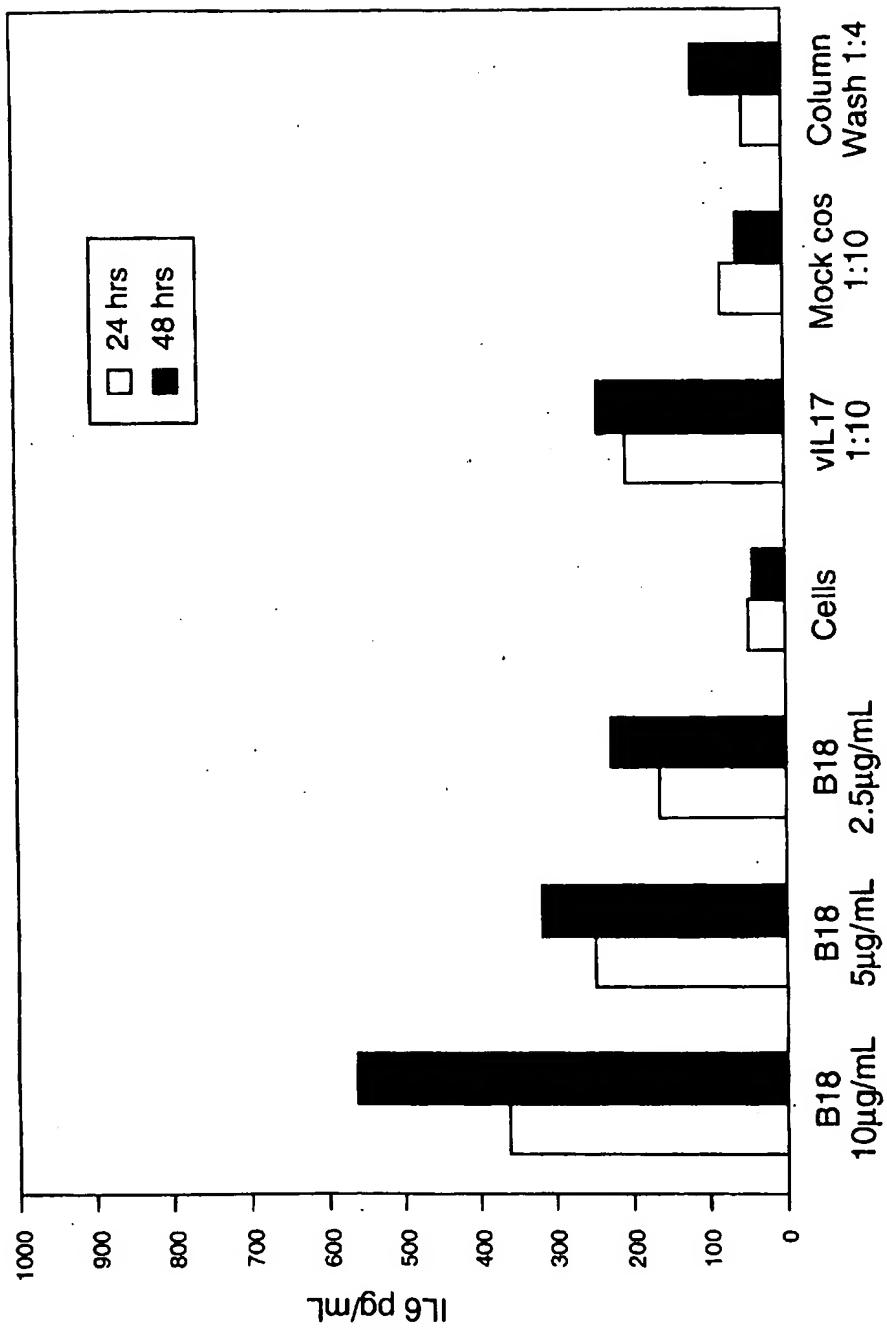


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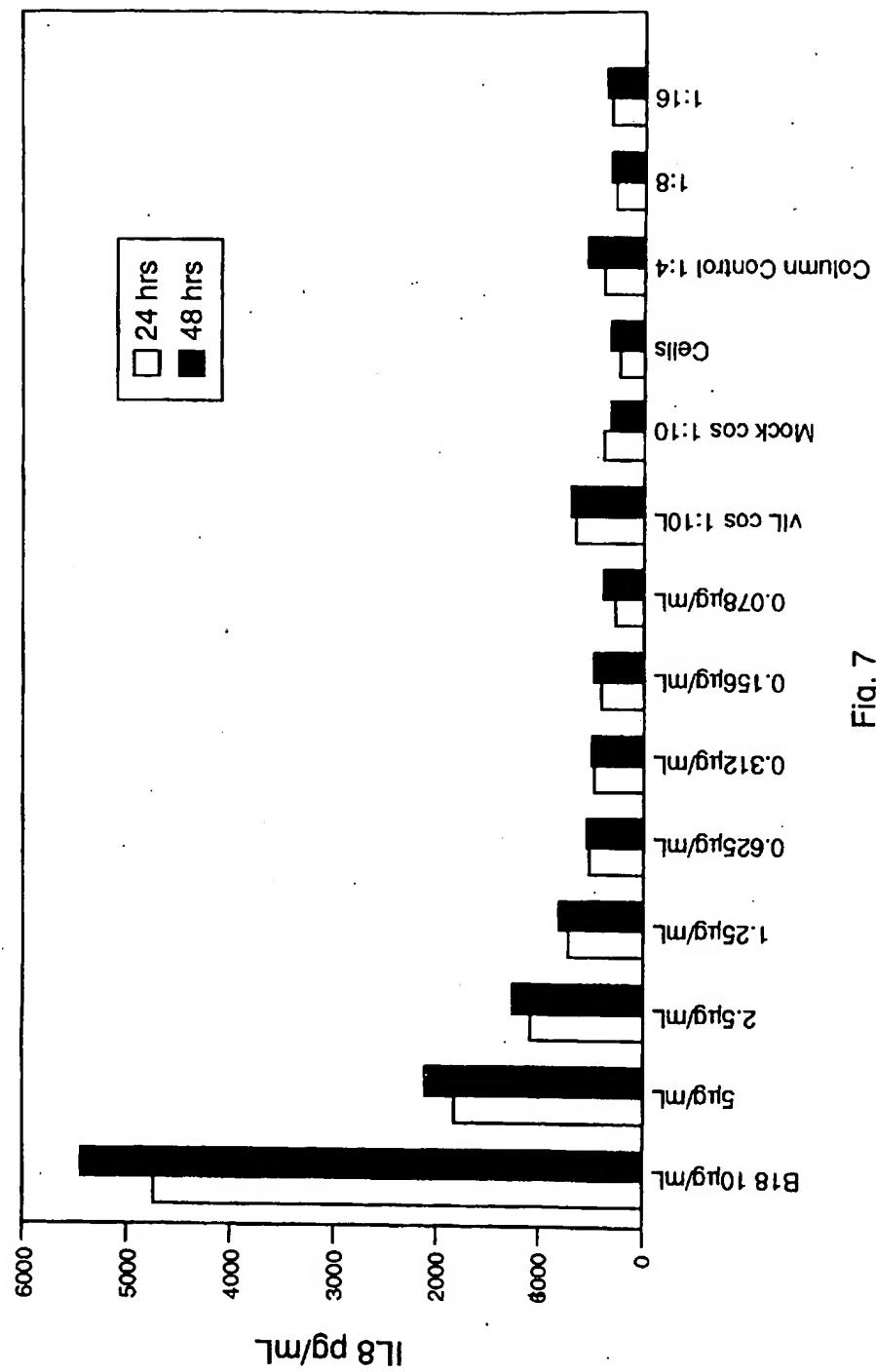


Fig. 7

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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- 1) claims 1-14, 21, 22, 25-27 all totally; claim 24 partially.

Isolated polynucleotide comprising Seq.ID:1, homologue sequences and derivates. Vectors and transformed host cells. Process for producing human recombinant CTLA-8 protein. Isolated human CTLA-8 protein as in Seq.ID:2 and fragments. Pharmaceutical compositions and uses in therapy. Antibodies.

- 2) claims 15-17 all totally; claim 24 partially.

Therapeutic uses of the protein as in Seq.ID:4 or fragments.

- 3) claims 18-20 all totally; claim 24 partially.

Therapeutic uses of the protein as in Seq.ID:6 or fragments.

- 4) claims 23 all totally; claim 24 partially.

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